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ADL slams plan to release Holocaust archive 'dirty list'

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League, yesterday assailed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser on the diaspora, Bobby Brown, for his plans to release a "dirty list" of more than a dozen countries and organizations that have failed to open their Holocaust-era archives.

"For us to engage in blacklists, when we have so frequently through history been the object of blacklists, is unacceptable," Foxman said in an interview. "This whole issue is becoming a football for people's ego needs."

Brown said that next week, at the US-sponsored international conference on Holocaust assets, he will release the "dirty list," which includes the Vatican, the KGB, the British intelligence agency MI-5, and Italian insurance giant Assicurazioni Generali, which also owns Migdal.

The story was first reported in *The Jerusalem Post*.

"To lump them in such a way, in a public ultimatum, a public challenge is counterproductive and irresponsible," Foxman said. "To link the Vatican files to to Generali files, to KGB files is inappropriate and offensive."

He said he is concerned that the list and its public release at such a forum would have an impact on Israel's bilateral relations and on local Jewish communities in Europe.

More than 40 nations, fixated last year on Nazi gold, will turn their attention next week to looted art, unpaid insurance policies, and European Jewish communal properties confiscated by the Nazis.

Forty-four countries that "were touched by World War II or its aftermath" will convene for the Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets and attempt "to forge an international consensus on how governments and other entities can cooperate to redress the injustices." Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said yesterday at a briefing for the foreign press.

However, the conference is not intended to set any policies, reach binding international agreements, or make demands on visiting dignitaries, staff sources at the State Department, which is sponsoring the conference.

The event is a follow-up to an international conference last year in London that was intended to resolve the ownership of Nazi gold. At the London conference, dozens of nations identified the steps they were taking, or had planned, to assess their war-time financial dealings with and central-bank losses to the Nazis.

The Washington conference essentially treats that topic as finished.

However, a number of vows made by the London participants have not yet been met, including pledges by European states and the US of some $58.5 million for Nazi victims. One year later, only a tiny fraction has benefited survivors.

Like the London conference, most of the work of the Washington Agreement conference is closed to the press, and the foreign delegations – officials, academics, and an occasional survivor – are being shielded from the media.

A representative of Israel as well as the Romani (Gypsies) will join American and British officials in giving opening remarks when the conference begins Monday.

The event's cosponsor, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, will hold a special session on international developments in Holocaust education.

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Airport opening
The pilot of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's personal plane greets onlookers yesterday after landing for the first time at Gaza International Airport. Story, Page 2. (AP)

Levy poised to rejoin coalition

Expected to get infrastructure or finance portfolio

By SARAH HONIG

A tentative decision approving the Gesher Party's reentry into Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition is expected this morning. A deal was reported close to conclusion late last night.

Netanyahu and Gesher leader David Levy were also to have exchanged their first words during the current reconciliation process in a phone conversation late last night.

Meanwhile, the National Religious Party is fuming at what it regards as Netanyahu's attempt to intimidate it by coopting Gesher, after having previously given it an ultimatum to toe his line. The Likud is also in turmoil due to rumors that Levy is on his way back into the Likud, and that he will be allowed to add 400 new members to the 2,700-member central committee.

Netanyahu was due to take off for Europe this morning. His flight to Switzerland may be delayed and, according to some reports, he put Communications Minister Limor Livnat on standby to substitute for him if need be.

Levy is to summon his Knesset faction this morning to decide on whether to reenter the coalition. The fact that Levy is summoning the three MKs left in his faction (himself included) indicates that the decision is a foregone conclusion.

In Gesher the final word rests with Levy, and those close to him – including his brother MK Maxim Levy and MK Yehuda Lankri – believe he has decided to again join forces with Netanyahu. The two banded together after a fierce rivalry on the eve of the 1996 elections. Last January, Levy resigned as foreign minister in a huff, ostensibly over the budget vote.

The deal facilitating his return was hatched by Avigdor Lieberman, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and Levy loyalist David Appel. The recent local elections were a grave disappointment for Levy, wiping out his hopes for an independent Gesher ticket. The coalition and possibly a return to the Likud are now his lifeline. Netanyahu is in dire need of support in the Knesset following the loss of his majority after he signed the Wye Memorandum.

Appel called on Netanyahu yesterday afternoon and a more detailed offer was relayed to Levy, though not in writing.

MK David Levy (Brian Hendler)

Appel reported that Levy was satisfied.

He could get either the Finance Ministry or an expanded National Infrastructure Ministry, both of which he has rejected in the past. Levy is seen as leaning toward the latter.

He confirmed yesterday that talks are going on. Levy told Israel Radio: "A return to the coalition is possible. We left when we judged that there was not enough movement in the peace process. Obviously conditions are now different."

While Levy spoke in soft tones about Netanyahu and the government, he lashed out at press suggestions that he does not want the Treasury because he is not built for hard work and sustained effort. "Those who say these things still had pacifiers in their mouths when I was entrusted with the Housing Ministry and did wonders, changed the country's face in its most difficult days," he asserted.

Netanyahu last night expressed the hope that "Gesher would rejoin the coalition, which is its natural home." He would say nothing about which portfolio he is offering Levy, but denied that he promised to reserve safe slots for Gesher candidates on the next Likud Knesset list.

The possibility of such a deal has already generated resentment in the Likud. The party grapevine suggests that Levy will be guaranteed the second slot. Even if no slots are reserved, potential Likud candidates fear a new influx of Levy loyalists to the central committee, where they would have a significant voice in determining the make up of the next Likud list, especially if they join with the powerful Lieberman contingent.

The NRP regards the Levy episode as a continuation of the ultimatum Netanyahu had served on the party Monday night, when he demanded to know to what extent the NRP's nine MKs support the government. He wanted an answer yesterday. However, the NRP officially informed him that he would get the reply only in five weeks.

The party's two ministers – Yitzhak Levy and Shaul Yahalom – had summoned a number of MKs to deliberate the ultimatum, but all that emerged was a sense of umbrage and the decision that there would be no answer until the NRP central committee meets at the end of December, prior to the next scheduled withdrawal under the Wye accord, to review the situation and review the party's stand regarding the pending early elections bills.

Levy said that Netanyahu's ultimatum "was unseemly and resulted from bad advice from those who do not have the NRP's best interests at heart" – taken as a reference to Shas leader Aryeh Deri.

MK Hanan Porat, one of the NRP's most militant opponents to Wye, accused Netanyahu of having "broken Israel's ideological spine" and of having "shattered the Likud. Now he seeks to fragment the NRP, too. This is colossal gall."

Likud dissident Dan Meridor confirmed that Netanyahu had tried coopt him as well, but said that, "I am not ready to join forces with that man. I will not change my mind."

Danna Harman adds:

At a breakfast meeting with foreign ambassadors, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said he favors expanding the government.

"I have always been for unity, and I often bring up this matter with my friend and colleague Shimon Peres," Sharon reportedly said.

AOL buys Netscape for $4.2b.

By ERIC AUCHARD

NEW YORK (Reuters) – America Online will buy Internet software pioneer Netscape Communications Corp. for $4.2 billion in a deal involving Sun Microsystems Inc., the companies announced yesterday, bringing together three of Microsoft's fiercest competitors.

The all-stock deal rearranging the Internet business landscape came just a day after AOL, the world's No. 1 online service, and Netscape, whose browser software made the Internet accessible to a mass audience, confirmed they were in talks.

Under a related three-year deal with Sun, the Palo Alto, Calif., company – whose Java Internet programming language is now seen as the greatest threat to Microsoft's software dominance – will develop and market electronic commerce software that makes it easy to set up shop in cyberspace.

Purchase enables AOL to take on Microsoft, Page 12

Sun also makes network computers and powerful computer workstations, and AOL agreed to buy about $500 million in Sun hardware through 2002, the companies said. Sun committed to pay more than $350 million in marketing, advertising, and other fees to AOL over the next three years.

The agreements are expected to have little, if any, immediate effect on the more than 14 million subscribers who make America Online the world's biggest online service.

And, while the pacts bring together three of Microsoft's biggest rivals, they surprisingly will not result in AOL's dropping Microsoft's Internet Explorer as the browser on its online service in favor of Netscape's Navigator.

Holocaust heirloom to be auctioned for Sheba Hospital

By JUDY SIEGEL

A magnificent diamond-and-emerald necklace, representing the entire fortune of a French Jew who hid it from the Nazis in his kitchen and recovered it after returning from Auschwitz, will be auctioned off in New York to benefit elderly patients at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer.

He regarded the jewelry as his murdered wife's "gift from heaven," said Avi Pazner, the former ambassador to Paris and new chairman of UJA. Pazner was instrumental in ensuring that the proceeds from the April sale – as much as $1 million – would go to the hospital's geriatric department.

Fearful of the Nazi invasion of France in 1940, a well-off Jewish industrialist and his wife hid their young son with Christians and sold all their property to buy jewels.

They had them made into a necklace, which the wife wore under her clothing at all times, Pazner told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

"Just before the Nazis broke in, she hid the necklace under tiles in the kitchen, and they were taken away to a detention camp in France. Later they were both shipped to Auschwitz. She was sent almost immediately to the gas chambers, while he managed to survive."

After the end of the war, the man returned to his apartment, which had been taken over by someone else. He looked for the necklace and found it where his wife had hidden it.

"He regarded it as his wife's gift to him from heaven – as a lucky charm – and though he was penniless, he decided to start from scratch rather than sell it," Pazner said.

The man built a new business and prospered; he never married again. On his deathbed last year, he called his son – now 55 – and instructed him to sell the necklace to benefit elderly, sick people in Israel.

"The son came to me at the embassy with tears in his eyes and told me the whole story. I knew David Gol, a very wealthy diamond merchant in Switzerland, who happened to be visiting Paris. I called him, showed him the necklace, and he said that because of the jewelry's historic and emotional significance, it would sell for an even better price," Pazner said.

A philanthropist devoted to Sheba Hospital (his family's invasive cardiology center will be dedicated today), Gol suggested giving the proceeds of the auction to Sheba, whose deputy director, Prof. Boleslav Goldman, was moved by the story and proposed investing in the geriatric department.

"It was the best thing I did as ambassador to France. Now money from the man's good luck charm will come to Israel," Pazner said.

He declined to give the family's name because the father insisted the donation be anonymous.

Burg distances Jewish Agency from criticism of Argentina's Menem

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg yesterday took the unusual step of dissociating the agency from an internal report on the plight of Argentinean Jewry, after it drew an outcry from the Argentinean government.

The report, an extensive overview of the crisis currently facing the Argentinean Jewish community written by an emissary in the field, cited individuals in the local Jewish community who believe President Carlos Menem helped "accelerate" the crisis in the Jewish community caused by a bank collapse.

The collapse of two Jewish-controlled banks has caused an economic crisis in the Jewish community, which is undermining Jewish communal activities and has wiped out the savings of many Jews and non-Jews.

However, it is part of a larger economic crisis affecting all of Latin America.

The collapse has sparked increased antisemitism in Argentina, according to reports from local Jewish Agency emissaries.

According to the report, which was leaked to *The Jerusalem Post*, "There are those in the Jewish community who feel that President Carlos Menem has influenced the acceleration of the crisis in order to draw attention to the Jewish banks and away from the economic crisis in Argentina. Whether this is true or not, some members of the Jewish community believe it and this increases their sense of distress."

Burg said that after the Argentinean ambassador called him following publication of the story, he told him, "I'm fully behind our good relationship, and I won't buy any kind of internal rumors from the corridors."

Burg said he dissociated the agency from the report at last week's meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive.

"The Jewish Agency does not, will not, and I will not allow it to play any role in the political games and internal affairs of any government. We have [an interest in] Jewish affairs, period.

"The position of the Jewish Agency is very clear cut: We have nothing whatsoever against the government of Argentina and never mind what kind of rumors are reported in any internal document. We have full cooperation with the government of Argentina... The one and only concern we have is how to help the Jewish community in Argentina the same way we did in the past 25 years."

Burg said he met with Menem a few years ago "and at least whatever I asked him about the Jewish community vis a vis the inquiry [into the terror attacks there] was responded to in a positive way."

He said the agency would determine what further steps to take in Argentina when Director-General Shimshon Shoshani returns from a trip there in a few weeks.

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NEWS
in brief

Cyprus protests Turkish overflights

Cyprus said yesterday it has protested to the UN and to international aviation authorities over repeated recent violations of its airspace by Turkish air force planes.

One protest was over flights by Turkish planes bound for Israel and another was over last week's landing of Turkish planes in the Turkish-occupied north of the island during military exercises, Foreign Ministry spokesman Kornelios Korneliou said.

Cypriot Defense Minister Yiannakis Omirou had complained on Monday about these flights, saying a formal protest should be made to Israel, as well as to the UN and aviation authorities.

But Korneliou said Israel was left out of the protest because no Israeli planes were involved. *AP*

Palestinian prisoners continue hunger strike

A hunger strike by a group of Palestinian prisoners entered a third day yesterday in what one called a battle for "freedom or death" backed by sympathy protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It was not clear how many inmates were participating in the strike at Megiddo Prison.

The prisoners are protesting against Israel's refusal to free them as part of the Wye agreement. Prisoners also have accused the Palestinian leadership of not pressing Israel hard enough to secure their release. *Reuters*

Anti-incitement group meets

The trilateral anti-incitement group met yesterday for the first time. Yoash Tsiddon, the head of the Israeli delegation, told reporters that the anti-incitement declaration put out last week by the Palestinians was "insufficient."

At the end of the three-hour session in Jerusalem, the delegations agreed to hold their next meeting in Gaza on December 2. All groups are to bring a working definition of the term incitement, so as to better coordinate their efforts. *Danna Harman*

Palestinians clash with troops

Hundreds of Palestinians marched yesterday in the funeral procession of a 23-year-old university student who was found beaten to death near a Jewish settlement.

Two dozen of them broke away from the march and threw stones and empty bottles at IDF troops, who responded with rubber bullets, wounding one.

Palestinians blamed settlers for the death of Sabah Abu Sneineh, whose body was found Saturday in an abandoned building near Neveh Daniel. However, police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin said there is no reason to believe settlers were involved and that it is suspected Palestinian assailants were responsible. *AP*

Committee on violence beginning work today

The committee established to look into growing acts of violence among children and ways to fight it, appointed by Education Minister Yitzhak Levy and headed by Maj.-Gen. (res.) Matan Vilna'i begins its work at a public meeting today. Committee members will then begin to travel throughout the country to gather data on the scope of the violence.

Vilna'i called on the public to report acts of violence and present proposals on how to deal with it. The committee can be reached at (02) 5603629. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Elderly woman killed crossing the road in Haifa

Leah Turnbovitch, 91, was killed yesterday when she was struck by a car while crossing a street in Haifa. A 77-year-old woman was killed crossing the same street on Monday. *Itim*

B'nai B'rith nominates Hussein for Nobel

B'nai B'rith International has nominated Jordan's King Hussein for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. In a letter to the Nobel committee, the group suggested that his assistance in the Wye Plantation talks had earned him serious consideration. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Hanukka food drive under way

A campaign to collect non-perishable food (such as rice, pasta, oil, canned fruits and vegetables, and sweets) for the poor will be held between December 6 and 10, a week before Hanukka. It will be organized by the volunteer organization Latet and Sun Microsystems-Israel.

Latet representatives will distribute the food among voluntary organizations and the needy. Other high-tech companies participating are Aladdin Knowledge Systems, EDS, Silicon Graphics, and National Semiconductor; others are invited to join by calling Suzy Marks at Sun Microsystems (09-9541122, extension 201) or Ella Margalit of Alladin at 03-6362223. *Judy Siegel*

PA gets lift from airport opening

By BEN LYNFIELD

The Palestinian Authority yesterday scored a major gain with the opening of Gaza International Airport, a step that enhances its standing by offering Palestinians a tangible fruit of peace and a taste of future sovereignty.

"This is a great feeling, like a wedding. We have an airport!" said Khalil Jamal, a flight engineer for Palestine Airways.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat shuttled back and forth to the tarmac to greet nine planes that touched down at 30 minute intervals, each to applause and dancing.

"This is a preparation for the declaration of the Palestinian state," Arafat said.

For Gaza Strip residents normally enjoying little access to the outside world, it was a day filled with promise for closer ties with the international community. First to land was an Egypt Air A320 Airbus, with actor Adel Imam smiling and waving to the crowd as he disembarked.

Other planes followed from Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Spain, and the European Community. Arafat's plane made a low pass and then landed on behalf of Palestinian Airways. Its pilot and co-pilot descended to chants of *Allah akhbar* (God is the greatest).

But the festive atmosphere was not shared by all. A group of 40 relatives of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel stood at the edge of the red carpet for dignitaries, many of them shouting and chanting for the release of their loved ones.

The action embarrassed the PA, which is under fire over its handling of the prisoner releases, especially after last week's release virtually excluded prisoners involved in political activities or terror attacks.

"We're happy about the airport, but we need our prisoners released," said Sawsan Abu Eid, before she and the other demonstrators were forcibly relocated by security forces to a more remote position. Plainclothes security also removed a reporter who interviewed the families, and tried to confiscate his notebook.

PA officials say they are trying their best to gain prisoner releases and blame Israel for their lack of success.

The airport opened after three years of PA-Israel negotiations, the most recent of which were at last months Wye summit, when arrangements were finalized.

According to Fayez Zaidan, the PA official in charge of the airport, the international identifier code is LVGZ rather than LLGZ preferred by the Israelis. LL is the Israeli code. Zaidan said the PA had chosen the V as a symbol of victory.

The airport, situated along the Egyptian border, will cost $250 million when it is completed. It will enable Gaza residents to fly abroad without obtaining entry permits for Israel. It also promises to help the local economy by enabling the direct import and export of goods. But its utility to most travelers from the West Bank will depend on safe passage arrangements to Gaza, which have yet to be implemented.

PA officials had been looking to the opening of the airport, the safe passages, and the prisoner releases as a means of showing skeptical public opinion that negotiations with Israel are bearing fruit.

"We need the support of public opinion," PA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said during a recent interview. "These things can show that instead of bombings there is another way – to sit at the table and talk."

A PA banner visible yesterday on the road from the airport to Khan Yunis said: "Gaza International Airport is a great gain of the peace process."

Zaidan said 99 percent of the airport's operations would be in Palestinian hands, with unobtrusive Israeli involvement in security and identity checks. He said the Palestinian Airways hoped to begin commercial flights next week with service to Cairo, Amman, and Jidda.

Ghazi Hamed, the editor of a Hamas affiliated newspaper, termed the airport "a good thing, but not entirely a good thing. It is a kind of achievement for the PA, but the most important difficulty is that it will be under Israeli security domination. The Israelis can check the flights and they can check the garbage. If I want to travel to Egypt, they can say no, and they have the last word."

Reuters and AP contributed to this report.

Saving a boy's arm

Twelve-year-old Louis Karish poses yesterday with Dr. Din Ad-El at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, after his shoulder and arm were saved from cancer. The rare, 16-hour operation, performed here for the first time, followed chemotherapy and required the expertise of orthopedists, microsurgeons, and others. Most of the bone in his arm and shoulder joint was removed and replaced with bone from his leg. Karish's hand already functions without any harm to the nerves, doctors said. (Text: Judy Siegel; photo: Avi Hayoun)

Second round draws little interest

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The second election round in 34 local authorities yesterday apparently left most residents indifferent as a record low turnout was registered at 758 polls.

Turnout was reportedly only 20-30 percent among Jewish voters, although it was more than 50% in the Arab community.

The elections in Bat Yam attracted the most attention, following Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's unexpected intervention, which livened up the campaign.

According to a sample poll of Matav in Bat Yam, Shlomo Lahiani received 51.1%, compared to the Likud's Yehoshua Saguy with 48.9%.

In Tirat Carmel, incumbent mayor Arye Tal received 59.1% and his rival Mazliah Farjoun 40.9%, according to a poll, while another sample in Atlit showed Shaul Shamai got 58% and David Amar 42%.

The polls closed at 10 p.m. and the results transferred from each authority to the Interior Ministry's election day headquarters in Jerusalem. Final results are expected well after midnight or this morning.

In less than 24 hours, Netanyahu had withdrawn his support from Saguy, given his backing to Lahiani and then reverted back to Saguy.

Saguy, although he admitted being hurt by Netanyahu's removal of support when the polls predicted he would lose the elections, nevertheless refused to step down from the race at the prime minister's bidding, thus forcing Netanyahu to renew his support.

Lahiani toured Bat Yam with a broad smile on his face and said he was pleased by the support he had received from both Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and Netanyahu.

Since the first election round two weeks ago Lahiani has formulated a coalition of 14 out of 27 council members – including Meretz, Labor, Yisrael Ba'aliya and Lahiani's own list.

Despite all the interest, by evening only 14% bothered to come to the polls to vote.

The election in Herzliya, which was dubbed the most political, also attracted considerable media attention, perhaps because of the clear showdown between Meretz and the Likud.

The atmosphere heated up in the last few days, as Meretz candidate Yael German received threats on her life and had to conduct her campaign accompanied by a bodyguard.

Her rival Yehuda Urieli, independent and identified with the Likud, denied any connection to the threats on German's life and said it was all lies.

Scores of haredi yeshiva students from Bnei Brak and Jerusalem arrived in Herzliya yesterday to help Urieli's campaign and "to save Herzliya from Meretz and German, who wants to destroy religion," as they put it. By evening a mere 15% turned out to vote.

The election in Migdal Haemek has become a serious power test for Gesher, whose candidate Jackie Levy lost in Beit She'an.

The Likud, which has been in power here for the past 20 years, tried to lower expectations.

The town's first lady Susanne Amor expressed confidence of her victory after making agreements with Shas and Yisrael Ba'aliya. Activists from all over the country came to help both candidates with election day logistics and arrangements.

New bill would permit doctors to advertise

By LIAT COLLINS

Doctors, dentists, psychologists, lawyers and veterinarians may soon be able to advertise their services under a government-proposed bill which was discussed in the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

Prostitutes and escort agencies, however, face tighter enforcement of the ban on advertising in newspapers.

Law Committee chairman Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) this week also asked the police to warn newspaper publishers that if they continue to print ads for sex services they will be prosecuted.

The committee debate yesterday focussed on white-collar professionals banned from publishing their services beyond listings in telephone directories.

Deputy Attorney General Shlomo Guberman told the committee that the sweeping ban is outdated in view of the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation and Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom and would not stand up in court.

He said the right to publicize services and compete is an integral part of occupational freedom. The government's bill would not allow for advertisements which are misleading or which harm the dignity of the profession.

Representatives of the Bar Association and Dentists Association objected to allowing advertising on grounds that the public does not have the means of verifying promotional claims and that it would harm professional standing.

The representatives of the dental profession also said the bill would harm the dentists who work on their own and would find it hard to compete financially with advertisements that group practices will be able to afford.

The representatives of the Association of Midwives supported the bill. They said there are today some 600 licensed midwives in Israel with no way of making their services known to the public.

Porat also favors the bill but said the committee will have to determine the difference between acceptable and unacceptable advertising. He also said the question of enforcement must be anchored in the legislation.

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) also said he supports the idea of allowing these professions to advertise.

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Eizenstat said that the conference will look at the question of looted art, because "one cannot have free commerce in art, which is a multi-billion dollar industry, and the kind of lending between museums that is central to the cultural exchange between countries if the provenance of World War II era art remains unclear."

The focus on communal property, he said, would assist the Jewish and Catholic communities of Central and Eastern Europe.

"Having the return of these properties is tremendously important in reviving religious life in countries where religion was either formally or informally prohibited as a matter of practice," he said. "They've got to have back the very institutions that are necessary to teach children to practice the religion. That is what we are trying to accomplish in the return of property. It is complicated."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Annual scholarship distribution.

We regret to announce the death, after a lifetime illness, of

MICHAEL SAMUEL ISRAEL

in New York

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and all their families

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Mossad operations chief resigns

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Mossad director Ephraim Halevy has accepted the resignation of his chief of operations, known as "Y," following the capture of two Israeli agents in Cyprus earlier this month.

According to reports, further personnel changes are expected, including the appointment of two people, one a former Mossad official, to positions in the operations division. According to the *Ha'aretz* newspaper, "Y" offered to step down following the November 6 arrest of Udi Hargov and Yigal Damary at the Cypriot fishing village Ziyi.

Earlier this year "Y" asked to resign after five Mossad agents were arrested in Berne, Switzerland, trying to install a wiretap in the building where the wife of Lebanese immigrant Abdullah Zein lives. Halevy reportedly turned down his request, declaring "Y" was not responsible for the foul-up.

Sources close to "Y" said he had been the unit's chief for three years, but for some time had been considering retiring and going into business. With the arrest of the two agents in Cyprus, he reportedly asked Halevy to speed up the process.

The sources said "Y" was not responsible for the botched assassination attempt on Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Jordan last year. They added that his resignation did not come as a surprise, as he believed it was up to him to take the blame.

Meanwhile, Cypriot officials have reportedly turned down requests by the families of Damary and Hargov to visit them in prison. The two are allowed to receive mail from their families and are visited frequently by the Israeli consul in Cyprus.

Their trial is scheduled to begin on December 8, and they face a maximum espionage penalty of 10 years. However, Israeli officials have expressed hope the two will be returned to Israel.

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon (left) greets Cypriot Ambassador Euripides Evriviades at a gathering of the diplomatic corps yesterday at Jerusalem's King David Hotel. (Flash 90)

Netanyahu searches for religious council compromise

By DANNA HARMAN and HAIM SHAPIRO

United Torah Judaism is threatening to quit the coalition if Reform and Conservative Jews are allowed to sit on religious councils, after a High Court ruling last week on the matter.

Also putting pressure on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is Agudath Israel of America, which sent a letter urging him to do all in his power to prevent the non-Orthodox members from joining the councils.

The appointment of "men and women who do not necessarily accept the very religious laws they would be empowered to regulate would create a hodgepodge of standards that can only lead to religious chaos," it said.

In response to the threat, Netanyahu met with MKs from UTJ, the National Religious Party, and Shas yesterday in his office to try and find a compromise.

Netanyahu said after the meeting that he is waiting for a concrete, united suggestion from the parties.

"We did not get into the nitty-gritty of the problem yet, but when I have their suggestions I will take it from there," he said.

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (UTJ), who attended the meeting, said that allowing for Reform and Conservative to sit together with the Orthodox on the same council is, "inelegant, inconsiderate, and unacceptable."

"I do not want them to sit in the councils and I will do everything to ensure that they don't sit with us. The prime minister can hear our position, and I very much hope he can find a solution – but Reform Jews sitting on the councils with us is not such an answer. We will not be part of a government which allows this," he said.

Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi (NRP) is floating a suggestion to pass a law to have the councils chosen by the regional rabbinate, in conjunction with the local council head and the religious affairs minister.

The Religious Affairs Ministry unveiled a proposal yesterday to replace the religious councils with an administrative council, which in turn would appoint a professional director.

According to the present system, the size of a religious council is related to that of the local council and the members of the religious council are appointed according to a political key, with each faction nominating its representatives.

Virtually all of the Reform and Conservative representatives whom the court said must be seated were nominated by Meretz.

The proposed law would provide for an administrative body of five members – two representatives of the religious affairs minister, two from the local council, and one from the local rabbinate. They would in turn nominate a director of local rabbinate and religious services, to be appointed by the minister. The members of the administrative body would be unpaid, while the director would occupy a salaried position for five years.

According to Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman Yair Wolf, the proposal has the full backing of the chief rabbis and the NRP. Other religious parties are expected to approve it in the near future.

However, a pivotal factor in whether the proposal would go through is the Labor Party, especially since the Knesset Interior Committee is headed by Labor's Micha Goldman. On Monday, Goldman and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau clashed over Goldman's insistence that official rabbis should not make public halachic rulings on political issues. Lau later met with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who promised to give an answer on the religious council proposal within a week.

Hizbullah threatens to avenge wounding of civilians

By DAVID RUDGE and LIAT COLLINS

A senior Hizbullah official has warned that the organization will retaliate for the wounding of three civilians in heavy fighting in south Lebanon on Monday during which three IDF soldiers were hurt – two of them seriously.

Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, Hizbullah's leader in south Lebanon, was quoted on Lebanese radio stations yesterday as saying that incessant IAF air raids and the shelling of villages north of the security zone were violations of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

"We warn the Israeli enemy that we cannot keep silent over these breaches of the April [Grapes of Wrath] understandings," said Kaouk during a visit to the civilians who were wounded in the shelling of Tibnit village.

Meanwhile, Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, the head of the research department in OC Intelligence, warned in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that there is increased Syrian involvement in the scope of Hizbullah's operations in south Lebanon.

Syria is demanding an escalation in the hostilities in south Lebanon, he said.

He also said that Iranian aid to Hizbullah is becoming more established and there are two flights a week from Teheran to Damascus, and a flow of arms, including Katyusha rockets, continues from there to the Bekaa area.

Hizbullah also remains intent on trying to kidnap a IDF soldier as a bargaining chip in a prisoner exchange.

The Lebanese government is completely subjugated to Syria and will not sign a separate peace agreement with Israel, the officer said, according to an unofficial briefing.

"There is a very strong liaison between Syria and Hizbullah to the extent that the Syrians can increase or decrease the volume of Hizbullah activities in south Lebanon," the officer reportedly told the committee.

Israel has submitted three more complaints to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over breaches of the understandings by Hizbullah for firing from inside Jaba, Nabatiya and Tibnit villages during the fighting on Monday.

The three IDF soldiers wounded in the fierce artillery duels in south Lebanon on Monday are all being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where they were visited yesterday by President Ezer Weizman.

One of the soldiers lost both legs from the blast of either a mortar round or anti-tank missile which struck nearby. He was still in critical condition in Rambam's intensive care unit yesterday.

His parents were located and brought over from Russia to be at his bedside. There was a slight improvement in the condition of the other tank crewman seriously hurt in the incident.

The third wounded soldier, whose parents live in the Netherlands, was injured in a separate incident when Hizbullah gunman fired an anti-tank missile at the IDF tank he was commanding while on operational duties in the Rehan region.

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in brief

Postal Authority issues private 'strike stamp'

Due to a protest strike by the Government Printer against plans to shut it down, the Postal Authority's Philatelic Service yesterday released a stamp produced by a private printing company. The NIS 1.15 stamp is meant for ordinary domestic letters and is the first Israeli stamp without perforations and the second with a peel-off backing that sticks to a letter without being licked. Philatelic Service director Yinon Beilin said the appearance of other scheduled stamps will probably be delayed because of the strike. The service rushed to get the new stamp out, because every month it sells eight million stamps with a face value of NIS 1.15. *Judy Siegel*

Smart card phone tender issued

Bezeq has issued a tender for the design and manufacture of a public telephone that operates with a smart card, chairman Izzy Tapoohi announced yesterday on a visit to the IDF's processing base for draftees, each of whom received a free telecard from him and Communications Minister Limor Livnat. Bezeq has distributed this gift to new draftees for the past five years. Besides their usual function, the new public phones will allow users to "fill up" their smart cards with electronic money to make payments, instead of using cash or ordinary credit cards. *Judy Siegel*

Hussein returns to Mayo Clinic

King Hussein was due to return to Minnesota's Mayo Clinic yesterday to begin a final chemotherapy treatment that will last for three weeks. He will then return to Jordan, for the first time in nearly six months, in late December or early January, a diplomatic source said yesterday. Hussein is now "free" of the cancer he's been fighting, and at Mayo will receive injections of his own blood marrow "to diminish the chances of its recurring," the source added.

Hussein last appeared in public on October 23, at the White House signing of the Wye River Memorandum. *Hillel Kuttler*

Clinton will probably deliver public address

President Bill Clinton will likely deliver a public address at either the Knesset or Hebrew University during his visit here next month, an embassy official said in Washington. Clinton is due to arrive on December 12 for a three-day visit that includes the first presidential visit to the Palestinian autonomous zones.

The welcome ceremony for Clinton will be held in Jerusalem on December 13, and he will meet with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Mayor Ehud Olmert. On December 14, he is to travel to Gaza to witness the Palestinian National Council's official ratification of the PLO Covenant. On December 15, he intends to do a bit of sightseeing before returning to Washington. *Hillel Kuttler*

Kohanim can now enter Haifa hospital

Kohanim will now be able to enter Haifa's Bnai Zion Hospital, due to the transfer of the pathology institute to a new wing on its western side. According to Halacha, Kohanim are not supposed to be in the same area with a corpse, because of ritual uncleanness. *Judy Siegel*

Cellphone transmitters possibly harmful

Cellular phone micro-transmitters located on balconies and the roofs of apartment buildings may cause harm to the health of heart patients who have implanted pacemakers or diabetics with insulin pumps, according to the Environment Ministry.

Dr. Ehud Ne'eman, the official in charge of radiation control, told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday that additional research is needed, but that he has written to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and demanded that he check the matter immediately. No comment was available yesterday from the Health Ministry. *Judy Siegel*

Students: Treasury shackling Netanyahu's hands

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Students arrested for illegal assembly and obstruction of justice at a rally at Tel Aviv University last month await a hearing in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Putting the ball squarely in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's court, Lior Rothbart, head of the Union of Israeli Students, said yesterday that settlement of the strike for lower tuition "is all up to the prime minister" and can be settled quickly if he stops listening to the Treasury.

"It all depends on how the prime minister handles the Treasury, how he handles the government as a whole. If there is honest desire to also talk about materialistic matters, because we can't just live on ideology, I think this crisis can be resolved quickly," Rothbart said.

However, a Treasury spokesman insisted that "the prime minister's stand is our stand, and the two are one. The disinformation being used by the students is not a tactic that should be used in negotiations."

He said the students' refusal to attend Sunday night's meeting had simply cost valuable time that could have been used to resolve the strike, and that they only started seeking a way back to the negotiating table when the Histadrut postponed its sympathy strike.

Contacts continued throughout the day between the students' lawyer and officials in the Prime Minister's Office to try to restart negotiations prior to Netanyahu's departure for Europe today.

Student leaders complained Treasury officials had still not presented concrete ideas about providing a system of community service which would entitle them to scholarships or tuition reduction.

The threat of a Histadrut strike was lifted when Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz announced he was delaying the action for one week. The delay reportedly came after contacts between him and Moshe Leon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office,.

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy nonetheless warned the students against Histadrut intervention in their strike, saying "it will only undermine the wide support they have had until today for their struggle."

He called on the students to leave the political path they have taken in recent days and return immediately to negotiations.

Rothbart, however, rejected any talk of politicization, and explained the "time-out" the students took from negotiations was needed to reassess the situation.

"First and foremost it should be clear that our struggle isn't along party lines," he said. "We have no interest in turning this into a battle against the prime minister or the government.

"We respect the prime minister's honest desire to bring about change in the higher education system. Unfortunately, we have to also deal with the Treasury, which restrains him, which makes it hard on him, which leads to problems which constantly resurface. We get a promise from the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, the prime minister gives it his backing, and the finance minister sticks to his stand."

Tel Aviv University Student Union leader Erez Eshel accused Leon of financing student groups calling for a compromise solution to the strike, a charge dismissed by a spokesman for Leon as "total lies."

Despite Eshel's accusations, Shlomo Blass, standing with a group of about a dozen protesters in Paris Square carrying makeshift signs calling for an end to the strike, denied his group had any connection to Leon's office.

Blass, a student at the Hebrew University, said: "We're here to show there's another side to the students. There are many students who want to go back and feel this strike and protest is leading nowhere, besides maybe helping the careers of the student leaders."

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, meanwhile, lent credence to the students' claims by ruling that their struggle is a professional and not a political one. The court was hearing the case of 12 students accused of illegal assembly and obstruction of justice at a rally at Tel Aviv University last month.

The prosecution had tried to compare the students' actions to those of Zo Artzeinu activists which disrupted public order, but Judge Hanan Efrati rejected this. However, he allowed a police request to speed legal proceedings against the 12, ruling that in a democratic state, the right to protest and freedom of speech must be balanced against the public's right to an orderly way of life.

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Charges filed against 13 Arutz 7 personnel

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The state filed charges yesterday against 13 broadcasters and managers of the settlers' radio station Arutz 7 for operating without a license.

Among those charged are Rabbi Zalman Melamed, his wife Shulamit, Ya'acov Katz, Yoel Tzur, Haggai Segal, and Adir Zik.

Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein said he had considered not including Tzur "for humanitarian considerations due to the terrorist murder of his wife and son two years ago."

However, Rubinstein said that Tzur's role in the station could not be overlooked.

News of the indictments generated sharp criticism from settlement leaders, who said it was inconceivable that a nationalist camp government agreed to take such action.

"Realizing that under the Rabin and Peres administrations no attempts were made to shut down or prosecute radio staff members leads me to believe that the actions are not coincidental," said Yehudit Tayar, spokeswoman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. "It appears to be an intentional move by this government to silence those that criticize it."

Settlers said that many of the government officials currently in power were interviewed frequently on the station, and some even had a permanent broadcast slot, such as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's aide Uri Elitzur.

MK Eitan Cabel (Labor) praised the decision to indict and called on Rubinstein and the state prosecutor to immediately shut down the station's *Eretz Hatzvi* boat.

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) said it was regrettable and called on the prime minister to legalize the station's operations as soon as possible.

Segal said on Israel Radio that he was disappointed in Netanyahu and Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who failed to legalize the station's operations despite guarantees to do so.

In response, Livnat's aide Ayala Bar said that Netanyahu had appointed a special ministerial committee headed by Education Minister Yitzhak Levy to deal with the situation, but the committee has only met once.

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MKs to vote on extra NIS 17.5m. for territories

AT THE KNESSET

The Knesset Finance Committee is to vote today on the transfer of an additional NIS 17.5 million from general reserves for use in the territories in implementing the Wye agreement. The vote was to have taken place yesterday, but was postponed after Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) asked to discuss the matter with party colleagues. Haim Oron (Meretz) said NIS 7.5m. of the total is the sum promised to Moledet during last year's coalition talks ahead of the budget vote. The remainder is to be distributed to local authorities to fund extra costs incurred as a result of the second redeployment.

Call to prosecute

Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Marina Solodkin called on the State Attorney's Office yesterday not to make a plea bargain with the four suspects in the murder of Jan Shafshovitz, a soldier stabbed to death in an Ashkelon cafe, allegedly for speaking Russian.

She said that, according to reports, the office has agreed to charge the suspects with manslaughter instead of murder, while the police want the murder charge. "The implications of a light sentence on racist murderers is liable to lead to a disaster," Solodkin said.

Move Prisons Service to capital

The Interior Committee called yesterday for the Prisons Service to move all its operations to Jerusalem, to boost the status of the capital, despite difficulties in relocating workers. The call was made during a discussion of a plan to move the service's offices from Jerusalem. The service has 130 workers in Jerusalem and 500 in Ramle. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who wants the service based in Ramle, said it is suffering from being in two locations.

Deposit for bottles passes first reading

The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday approved for first reading a bill which calls for a refundable deposit on recyclable drink bottles. The bill by MKs Avraham Poraz (Shinui) and Dedi Zucker (Meretz) was passed unanimously after a few changes were made to it. However, the Manufacturers Association says the bill would put up the cost of bottles, while the Environment Ministry says it would put the onus on the public and not on the producers.

Committee Chairman Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) said the bill would encourage recycling and stop the "absurd situation in which Israel imports empty plastic bottles from Europe for recycling, while the bottles here end up in the beaches, rivers and streets."

Save Knesset energy

The Knesset could cut its energy consumption by 36 percent for a minimal cost, according to a report submitted to the Science and Technology Committee. Amnon Einav, chief scientist in the National Infrastrucure Ministry, said with suitable legislation the country could reduce its energy consumption by 18 percent. For every dollar invested in energy saving the result would be worth $60 he said.

David Zev Harris contributed to this report.

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Sara Netanyahu (center) listens to abused women at the WIZO halfway house in Jerusalem yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Sara Netanyahu offers support to abused women

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

As woman after woman told her of the abuses they had suffered at the hands of their husbands, and how unsympathetic officials had compounded their suffering, Sara Netanyahu, the prime minister's wife, listened sympathetically and occasionally asked questions.

"Domestic violence is much more widespread than we realize. The public must wake up," Netanyahu said yesterday afternoon, after hearing the women's stories and touring WIZO's shelter for battered women in Jerusalem.

It is vital that the victims of domestic violence be made aware of the facilities available to them, she said, and that the police and other authorities – as well as the public – understand that "one mustn't denigrate the victims and must take them seriously and must not let this happen."

One of the WIZO shelter's goals is to empower women so that they know how to defend themselves, shelter director Rivka Newman explained.

One woman, who has five children and several grandchildren, told Netanyahu that she would have left her abusive husband years ago, had she known there was somewhere safe she could go. Her husband had controlled the family's money, she said angrily, forcing her to wait on him and to beg him for money to run the household with.

Another woman, who is living with her daughter in a WIZO halfway house, complained that her husband, who has custody of their three sons, had turned them against her. She added that he is now working on their daughter, who complains that she is bored at the halfway house, because she doesn't have access to the computers and games she had at home. Netanyahu promised to look into obtaining a computer for the halfway house and encouraged the woman to "be strong" despite everything.

Womens' organizations: One woman in 7 is victim of domestic violence

By NINA GILBERT

Wizo members demonstrate outside the Knesset yesterday to press for tougher legislation to combat domestic violence. (Isaac Harari)

One in seven women here, or an estimated 150,000 to 200,000, is a victim of domestic violence, and every month one woman is murdered by her partner, according to statistics released by women's organizations to mark today's international day for combating violence against women.

Since 1990, some 110 women have been murdered by their partners. Last year, 18,000 complaints of domestic violence were filed by women, a number which is only believed to represent some 17 percent of incidents.

The Knesset held a special debate yesterday on combating violence against women, including the discussion of a series of bills to prevent the phenomenon.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon noted that all women are affected by domestic violence, regardless of socio-economic status.

A special session was also held by the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, which discussed the results of an interministerial committee established by the government earlier this year to recommend ways to coordinate among authorities to fight violence against women.

Labor and Social Affairs Ministry Director-General Yigal Ben-Shalom, who headed the panel, said the extra cost of the program would be NIS 100 million and would lead to coordination among authorities for the first time.

Knesset Committee on the Status of Women deputy chairwoman Yael Dayan said the main conclusion from the effort is that there is no exchange of information today among the authorities – including hospitals, police, the justice system, and IDF – of incidents of violence.

She said she would bring the issue before the finance committee to ensure funding.

The bills discussed yesterday include one by faction leaders Meir Sheetrit (Likud) and Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) to enable courts to hold men suspected of beating their wives for seven days before an indictment is presented. This would be followed by a speedy trial.

The MKs noted that there are many incidents in which women are murdered after their husbands are sent home after having been arrested.

Outside the Knesset, a group of women held a demonstration to press for the advancement of the legislation. The women, some of whom are battered, called for the courts to send violent men to shelters and ensure help for them from social workers.

Other bills – sponsored by MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet), Ze'ev Boim (Likud) and Ran Cohen (Meretz) – would enable police to suspend a person's gun license after a domestic violence complaint has been filed against him.

Heidi J. Gleit adds:

Women's groups in Jerusalem have teamed up to mark the international day against violence against women today. Dayan is scheduled to speak at a rally the groups are sponsoring at 4:30 p.m. today in the park at the corner of King George and Ben-Yehuda streets.

Chez, a singer who was a victim of incest, will perform at the rally, which is to be followed by a protest march to the Gerard Behar Center.

An exhibit by four female artists entitled "To touch the Anguish" is on display in the center's lobby and at 7 p.m. *Before the Bride Suffocates*, Efrat Ben-Yehuda Levine's award-winning play on the mother-daughter relationship, will be performed.

Knesset panel okays new matriculation exam system

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

A new modular matriculation exam system aimed at getting more pupils to take the tests, while easing the burden on them but still maintaining high standards, was approved yesterday by the Knesset Education Committee.

The system, which still requires the approval of the teachers unions and the institutions of higher education, is to go into effect in the 1999-2000 school year, and establishes "basic," "regular," and "advanced" levels for the exams.

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy outlined the new system for committee members. Originally introduced in September, it allows pupils to take the exams at any of the three levels.

Passing at the "regular" level will be required for a matriculation certificate, but passing at the lower "basic" level can be used by pupils as a building block towards reaching the next level later, thereby either qualifying for or improving one's matriculation certificate.

A student who passes English, for example, at one level but fails the test at higher level will retain their grade from the lower level, which is not the case now.

The number of exams will remain the same, but pupils will no longer be required to take at least one exam at an "advanced" level. They will also be required to fulfill a community service requirement, to be set by each school.

"The right to take the test will not be denied any pupil, and he can take the test according to his ability," Levy said. "One need not be tested in any subject at an advanced level, but pupils will have to be tested in at least one technological subject."

Committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann said he is certain that the social gap will close as the number of those who obtain matriculation certificates increases.

Naomi Chazan (Meretz) said that while the plan would encourage more pupils to take the exams, it did not guarantee they would succeed in obtaining matriculation certificates. She added that the new system will lead to a situation where "pupils are tied up for three years taking the exams."

Prof. Gershon Ben-Shahar of Hebrew University, who participated in the meeting, said that while he welcomes the inclusion of a technological subject, "it's too bad that under the new system there is not at least one 'advanced' subject."

Secondary Schools Teachers Association chairman Ran Erez said that "the union was not a part of the new plan and the teachers are still not prepared to implement it."

Miller's attack on immigrants spurs furor

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, under attack for having told the Jerusalem weekly *Yerushalayim* that immigrants from the former Soviet Union are tearing down the country, said yesterday that his comments were taken out of context.

In his remarks, published Friday, he accused the immigrants of "bringing corruption here... [they] bring only trouble to the country."

"The haredi world must banish Haim Miller from its midst, censure him, and remove him from public life," said Chaim Chesler, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department.

In the interview, Miller said: "The new immigrants lead to assimilation and are destroying the whole state. They brought graft and pork here, we don't know who's Jewish and who isn't. For now, they're only causing problems for the state."

Miller said he is glad Jerusalem only has a small number of immigrants. "We don't need immigrants here. We don't need imports," he said.

Miller's remarks were made in response to comments made by Slava Frinsler, the owner of a chain of stores selling non-kosher products popular with some immigrants, who won a city council seat on Oman Yekutieli's independent list, and who termed the haredim "primitive."

Yesterday, Miller told *The Jerusalem Post*, "They talked to me about those coming to Jerusalem, and I said the government should first solve the problems of Jerusalem, housing and employment, first for the young couples – both religious and secular – and after that to solve the problems of the immigrants. The main thing I said is that some of them are *goyim*, and I don't need them here in Jerusalem. So he made a headline to sell papers, instead of writing the important things I said."

Miller said he had no response to Chesler's comments.

Immigrant groups plan to demonstrate against Miller today in Jerusalem.

"A man who breathes such hatred should not serve in any public office," Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein wrote to the Gur Rebbe in response to Miller's remarks.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau also dismissed Miller's remarks with disgust, called on him to retract them, but did not seek his resignation.

Islamists: We'll fill gaps in government services

By DAVID RUDGE

The Islamic Movement will continue to fill gaps in providing services in the Arab sector created by government neglect, according to a leading member of the movement.

Sheikh Kamel Rayyan, deputy chairman of the more pragmatic faction of the movement, said the services are connected to welfare, health and education.

The movement, he said, was also working in the fields of child care, nursery schools, sports and recreation facilities and activities, as well as in religious services.

Rayyan, until recently head of Kafr Bara local council in the Triangle, said an independent soccer league had been established by the Islamic Movement, which already boasted 35 teams.

In the religious field, he noted that the number of mosques in Arab towns and villages throughout the country had grown from 40 in 1978 to 400 today.

Rayyan spoke at a conference earlier this week on "The Arab Community in Israel - A Basis for Autonomy or a Model of Integration" organized by Tel Aviv University's Program on Arab Politics in Israel.

Dr. Elie Rekhess, head of the program, which is cosponsored by the Adenauer Foundation, said the spread of political Islam was one of two conflicting trends characterizing the Arab community.

"On the other hand there is also a move toward Arabs seeing themselves as a collective Palestinian national minority in a secular form," said Rekhess.

He noted that since the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, Israeli Arabs have been focusing their attention more on their own internal matters, believing that the Palestinian issue was on the way to being settled.

"The new trend expresses itself on the conceptual level and in practical terms. Arab intellectuals are seeking a solution to what they consider to be the incompatibility between Israel's character as a Jewish state and its liberal, democratic nature," Rekhess said.

Labor out of Ra'anana coalition

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

The Labor Party is not part of the ruling coalition on Ra'anana's city council for the first time in the city's history.

The city's mayor, Ze'ev Bielski, announced yesterday that his coalition would be composed of his own independent list, Lev, Meretz, the National Religious Party and the Likud Party, with the possibility of smaller factions joining the coalition in the future.

Bielski said after signing a coalition agreement that the composition of the city government "will ensure the continuation of the quality of life in the city in which all sectors of the community live in mutual understanding, respect and cooperation."

The remarks seemed pointed at Rina Bar-Tal, the Labor Party leader who challenged Bielski for mayor in the municipal elections. Her campaign was characterized by charges that Bielski was "selling Ra'anana to the haredim" and that haredi elements in the city needed to be "stopped."

Shortly after the election results were announced, with Bar-Tal receiving only 20 percent of the vote to Bielski's 73%, Bar-Tal announced her intention to keep Labor out of Bielski's coalition and continue her fight against haredization from the opposition.

As a result of the coalition shift, Bar-Tal, who served as deputy mayor for culture, youth and sport for 10 years under Bielski as an independent politician, will give up her seat to Meretz leader Nati Lamm.

The other two men serving as deputy mayors – Likud's Uzi Cohen, who heads the Beautification Department; and Zvi Kenig of NRP, who holds the Education and Welfare portfolio – will remain.

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Cities and ciphers

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

There are cities that are ciphers in collective world consciousness, and there are cities where real people live. Capitals fall somewhere between the two extremes.

Everyone has a mental image of Sydney, Berlin or Montreal (even) – but Canberra, Bonn, Ottawa? And don't be vague, what's The Hague?

Imperial capitals always had, and retain, imperial-scale images that win them travel-writer adjectives like "eternal." There is no contest for the grand thrill encapsulated in names like Athens, Rome, London, or Paris, and of course the cartographers who drew the ancient Mappa Mundi had no doubt Jerusalem was the center of the world and the universe.

Newer capitals for newer worlds have more of an image problem. Washington is media shorthand for the United States in a way London no longer is for Britain, or the United Kingdom, or Cool Britannia, or England, or whatever it calls itself in these days of insecure identity.

Wasp spoken here

Washington is a place. It was planned. It has a river. It has beautiful national monuments and buildings. It has people – albeit very tiresome and temporary "in-people" who live in something called a Beltway and who talk and write about one another and their doings and their restaurants and their lovers and their political shenanigans with an introverted intensity that will amuse anthropologists for centuries.

But it also has real people who don't speak Wasp and who don't think they are super-important, but who also take lovers and do drugs and eat out and gossip and live in places they can't afford either. Washington may have traveled halfway from cipher to real city, but it still has a long way to go to become eternal.

All this obliquely leads us to Brussels and the European Union. This is the old, new capital of an old, new empire. It has been traveling in the other direction, from real city to EU cipher.

So far, no one takes the European Union very seriously outside of Europe, except as a curiosity, and a giant shopping mall, and a museum. This loose affiliation of 15 nations (we can't mention "confederation" for fear of causing mass suicides in the British Conservative Party) is now rich, culturally vibrant and classy. My favorite cliché (regular readers may groan) says the EU is a Rolls Royce with a sewing machine for an engine.

Wipe your feet

The sewing machine is the clout of European foreign policy. Brussels as the capital of the resurgent Europe seems ideal – a city with a huge responsibility and enormous potential power, but a weeny international image.

Can anyone not from the region rattle off an encapsulated history of Belgium, as one might for England, Spain, France or (God forbid!) Germany?

From the day the Celtic Belgae tribes were subdued by Julius Caesar, this land for 1,800 years became a doormat for other Europeans to wipe their boots on before entering someone else's territory. Clump, clump, clump came the boots of Romans, Franks, Burgundians, Spanish, Austrians and French before the Netherlands swallowed it all up.

At last, in 1830, Belgium became a constitutional monarchy – just in time to get itself ready for the clump, clump, clump of German jackboots. Twice.

If any member of the so-called united nations of the new Europe needed its affronted dignity restored, it just had to be Belgium. So, Belgium's capital is Europe's capital, and at long last, that may really get to mean something.

In an economically driven world, the mighty dollar is what defines America. That is what has been lacking in giving the European Union coherence, but not for long. Europe will soon be defined by the mighty euro.

Europhobia has perhaps been distracting Europeans from the necessary job of restructuring their national economies, and the absence of Britain from the first round of monetary union is both dangerous and stupid (thanks Tories!), but the symbolic power of the euro may shock even Europeans once it starts rolling next year.

Apocalypse then

Poor, old Brussels. All it got from the first wave of Europhobia was the grinding teeth of bulldozers ripping its Flemish heart out to make way for the faceless modernity that faceless eurocrats need to live in.

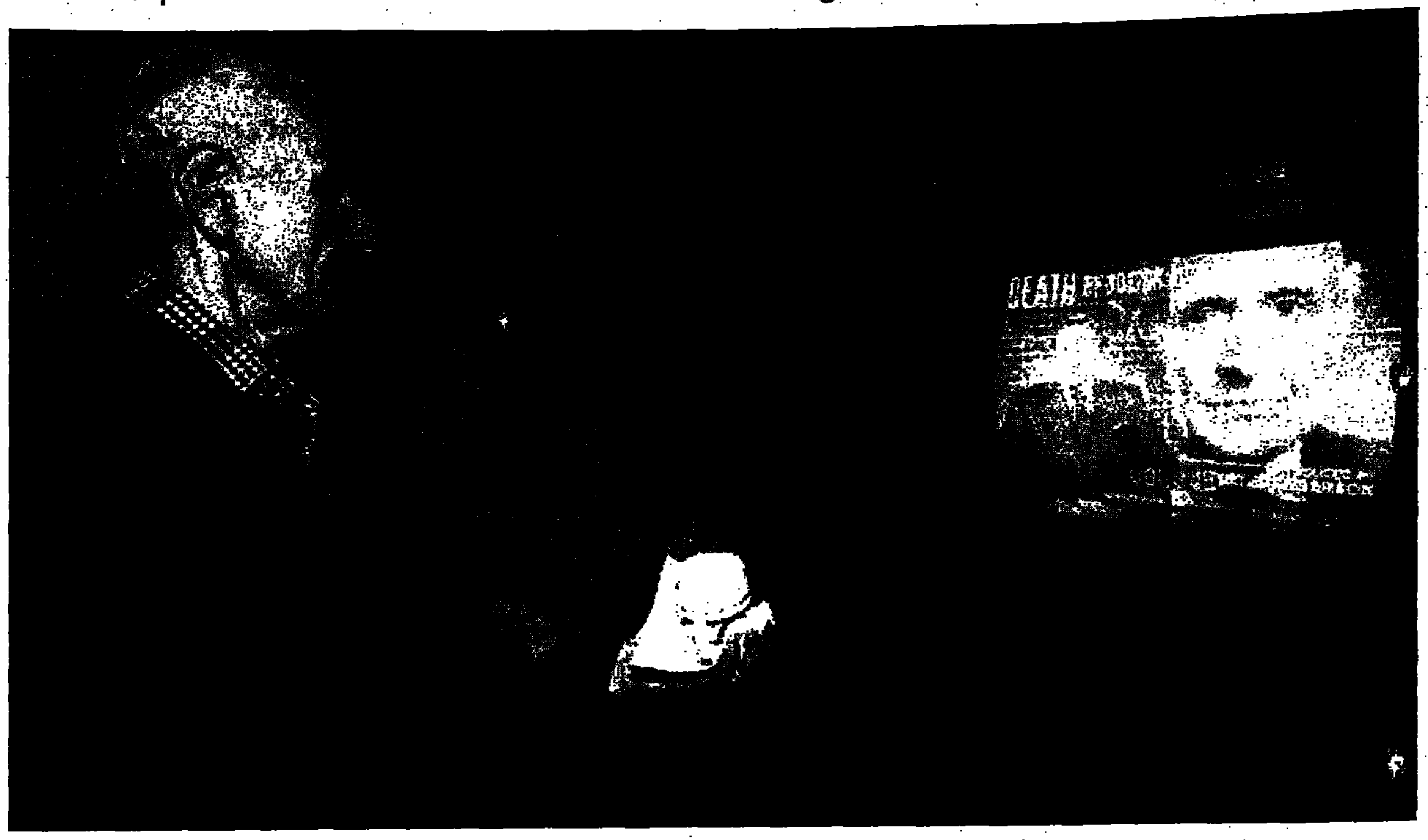
Washington was planned, Brussels was deconstructed. This neatly summarizes the difference between 19th- and 20th-century aesthetics.

The Schuman-Leopold quarter was eaten up by four horsemen of the EU architectural apocalypse: the Commission, the Parliament, the Council and the Bureaucracy. EU buildings in Brussels have attracted derisory names such as Caprice des dieux (divine folly) or Lubyanka. The red-granite building of the monolithic Council is, naturally, the Kremlin. Brussels also is home to a myriad of other bureaucracies from NATO and foreign companies to its own city government.

So, with the coming clout of an EU based on a mighty euro, should Brussels then reverse that run from ancient city to bureaucratic cipher when it becomes the real capital of a real Europe with a real currency? Ah, that would be nice, but methinks I hear the clump, clump, clump of euro-bankers' and brokers' euro-polished shoes stomping Belgium-wards.

Tuning in to Dr. Kevorkian

Media pundits debate the ethics of broadcasting the killing of a terminally ill man



Kevorkian, with his attorney, watching the '60 Minutes' episode in which he appears: 'I want to be prosecuted for euthanasia. I am going to prove that it's not a crime.' (AP)

By ERIC SLATER

Campaigning for the post of Oakland County, Michigan, prosecutor two years ago, David Gorcyca pledged to stop spending taxpayer dollars on long-shot prosecutions of the world's most provocative and resilient right-to-die proponent. He won the election, ousting the incumbent in suburban Detroit.

On Monday, Gorcyca found himself in a position not unlike that of his predecessor, if perhaps even more difficult.

The night before, on an episode of CBS's *60 Minutes*, he and millions of other Americans watched as retired pathologist Jack Kevorkian appeared to commit murder, injecting a terminally ill amateur race car driver with a fatal three-drug cocktail.

Calling Kevorkian's deliberate challenge to Michigan's law against euthanasia, which took effect September 1, "a disingenuous media ploy to garner publicity for himself," Gorcyca said he had issued subpoenas for an unedited copy of the *60 Minutes* tape. But he vowed he would not be "baited" into filing charges until the investigation is complete.

"I saw a nonchalant, callous, businesslike approach involving the death of a person for the purpose of satisfying an attention-starved ego," Gorcyca told reporters. "It would have been more appropriate to submit the tapes to the local law enforcement agencies than to a national TV show if Kevorkian legitimately wanted to challenge the statute in court."

Although Gorcyca will be the one to decide whether or not to charge Kevorkian, he was not the only one left soul-searching by the grim television segment, which showed Kevorkian working needles into the right hand of Thomas Youk, 52, before Youk's head fell slowly to the side, his mouth open, and Kevorkian intoned, "He's flat-lined."

Legal scholars and law enforcement officials focused on the legality of the act – probably Kevorkian's most provocative.

Although he has helped more than 130 people take their lives, this was the first time he administered a lethal dose himself, Kevorkian said. Youk, of Waterford Township, Mich., was in the latter stages of Lou Gehrig's disease and was simply too weak to do it.

Members of the clergy debated the eternal consequences of taking your own life or helping someone else take theirs, with a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit saying he witnessed "a publicity-hungry, unlicensed pathologist killing a visibly troubled, vulnerable man."

Physicians considered the implications for all who have taken the Hippocratic Oath. Ethicists pondered the morality of euthanasia. And nearly everyone who saw the *60 Minutes* piece, it seemed, paused to consider televised dying.

"Is he dead now?" Mike Wallace asks, as he and Kevorkian view the tape.

"He's dying now," Kevorkian explains.

IN the *60 Minutes* segment, Youk's wife, Melody, says she was "so grateful to know that someone would relieve him of his suffering.... I consider it the way things should be done."

Kevorkian, 70, told *The Oakland Press* of Michigan before the broadcast, "I want a showdown. I want to be prosecuted for euthanasia. I am going to prove that this is not a crime..."

"This is vintage Jack Kevorkian," said Larry Dubin, a professor at the Detroit Mercy School of Law.

"He has certainly violated the current letter of the law, but a guilty verdict will be evidence to him that he lives in an unenlightened society, and he'll starve to death in prison," as Kevorkian has promised to do if convicted on criminal charges.

One of the most popular programs in the history of television news, *60 Minutes* showed the segment in the midst of a "sweeps" period, when advertising rates are determined and when local stations have increasingly taken to broadcasting journalistically dubious pieces on sex, violence and other titillating topics in an attempt to boost ratings.

Preliminary data showed that Sunday's program drew the highest ratings of the season.

Six CBS affiliates owned by Dallas-based A.H. Belo Corp. declined to air the Kevorkian segment, broadcasting local news until the piece completed.

In a statement, CBS defended the broadcast, saying "CBS News believes this program performed a public service."

The network said it had not yet received the subpoena and would study it before deciding whether to cooperate with Gorcyca.

Sandy Genelius, a CBS vice president for news in New York, said reaction to the segment was mixed but that the majority of those calling or sending e-mails were critical of the piece.

"I must say I don't find it to be good editorial judgment to broadcast the death or murder of a person," said Bruce Jennings of the Hastings Center, a bioethical think tank in New York. "I believe that the broadcast simply played into [Kevorkian's] hands."

As some criticized the segment as a slide toward tabloid journalism for the revered show, Dick Schwarzlose, a professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, said the story was "a heavy way of doing business, but I think it was fair."

Although Schwarzlose, who teaches courses in journalism ethics, said CBS almost certainly considered the sweeps period before airing the story, he was not so cynical as to believe the search for higher ratings was the primary purpose for the piece.

"There is a great deal of interest in this subject," he said. "I'm 61 and I have more than a passing interest in death.

"I think if we give our audience the options and the choice and the warnings, then we've done about all we can do. We are supposed to provide fodder for discussion."

(Los Angeles Times)

Survivors tell the tale of Hurricane Mitch

By JUANITA DARLING

GUANAJA, Honduras – Little Brian Suazo's birthday will always remind his family of the moaning winds that destroyed their house and swept away his crib when he was only hours old.

He entered the world just as the 100-mile-an-hour winds of Hurricane Mitch seized his home in Guanaja, the most eastern of the three Bay Islands off the coast of Honduras. The winds continued for three terrifying days, battering the once-lush island in a preview of what lay ahead for the rest of Central America.

Gratitude that the storm killed only eight inhabitants easily gives way to fear that it ripped away the future for the remaining 8,000.

Here, Mitch scattered the McLaughlins of Savannah Bight, a family clustered in one seaside neighborhood before a house knocked off its stilts killed the matriarch, Miss Florentina.

Here, the Moore clan of Mangrove Bight spent three days standing up in a flooded kindergarten while Mitch splintered their houses and washed away their dream that even the children of poor fishermen could enter the computer age.

And here, Carolina Suazo, whose life before Mitch was one of hardship and uncertainty, now grapples with raw survival as she seeks a way to support her newborn son and his sisters.

THESE three families tell the story of Guanaja, home to the Caribbean's only pine forest, a speck of land whose inhabitants lived by fishing the seas and who dreamed of new prosperity from tourists visiting its beautiful mountains, coves and reefs.

Now the trees are naked trunks. The boats are washed away. Damage to the coral reefs that draw scuba divers here has not yet been determined.

Above sea level, however, the tranquillity of an island with parrots and iguanas, and no automobiles, has been shattered.

Still, with jokes and faith, these proud great-grandchildren of pirates make light of their losses as they nail wooden planks back onto the frames of broken homes and wash dishes wherever they can find water that looks less dirty than the plates.

The islanders' favorite post-Mitch pun is that this was not a hurricane at all.

"This was a slow-cane; it wouldn't go," former Congressman Spurgeon Miller said of Mitch, which first struck October 26 but then took on a snail-like pace even after it was downgraded to a tropical storm, making the deluge all the more destructive.

As they bail water and wait in long lines for donated food, the people of Guanaja are quick to express their gratitude that the deadliest Central American storm in two centuries, which took 10,000 lives, killed relatively few of their neighbors.

"It's a miracle that there were eight dead here and 8,000 telling the story," Miller said. "People were crawling from one shelter to another in the midst of the bad weather, and they lived. The Lord had a hand in this hurricane."

Cradling little Brian, Carolina Suazo said she is making plans to leave Guanaja.

Born and raised off the island on cays – 10 acres that magically escape mosquitoes and sand fleas, where half the island's population crowds together – she does not see the paradise that drew foreigners here.

Mitch is the drop that overflowed her bucket of troubles.

"Normally, life here is hard work," said the 22-year-old mother of three. "Now, my goal is to fix my papers so that I can go someplace else to work."

EVEN before she gave birth during a hurricane, Suazo's life was not going well. Ever since her father was killed on a visit to the mainland eight years ago, survival has been difficult for Suazo, her five sisters and their mother, Hipolita Castillo.

Like most of the men who fish out on the banks, Brian's father is rarely around, and Suazo is uncertain whether the couple is separating or he is just working. She brushes away questions about him, as if to say he does not count.

Before Brian was born, Suazo struggled to support herself and her two other children, ages 3 and 6, with a job at the Marcusa Fisheries, one of three plants on the island that thaw, clean, package and refreeze lobster and shrimp brought in by the boats.

She worked from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. or 10 p.m., with breaks for lunch and dinner, and earned about $50 a week — barely enough to pay her monthly rent of $48, a $15 electric bill, groceries and clothes for her growing children.

As Mitch was pounding Savannah Bight, Castillo, a midwife, was helping Suazo give birth to Brian. A few hours later, the hurricane reached the cays.

"The baby was born in the morning," Suazo said. "If he had been born at night, maybe we wouldn't be here telling the tale."

The first night of the storm, they moved from one corner of the house to another, as the wind blew bits off the roof. When the fiercest gusts moved to the other side of the island, the family ran to the Roman Catholic church, a concrete structure. All Suazo could save were the baby's clothes.

Suazo has remained in the church basement ever since, with her children, mother, sister, cousin and nephew. Fifteen-year-old cousin Wilson is the only family member working right now. He lifts racks of bread into a hot oven and takes them out, eight hours a day.

Castillo, who used to take in laundry when she had a sure supply of water, keeps the family fed by standing in line every midday until the Guanaja Ladies' Club distributes donations.

ACROSS the island in Mangrove Bight, Guanaja's most remote settlement, the Moore clan keeps faith another way.

Gathered under a US Agency for International Development tarp on a Saturday morning, missionary Norton Perilla read Scriptures as 40 members of the Seventh-day Adventist congregation followed along in Bibles they had wrapped in plastic to save from Mitch.

The hurricane took their church, the high school that international church volunteers had helped build and the 10 new computers that had arrived last month to bring their children into the cyber-age.

Of the 146 houses that used to line the shores of Mangrove Bight, only 11 are habitable — and they now shelter 127 families.

"Everything we had is lost," said Eveline Moore, a 58-year-old grandmother, quickly adding, "I thank the Lord that our lives were spared."

That sentiment is repeated all over Mangrove Bight, a poor village where nine of 10 families make their living from fishing.

Significantly, only 19 families have left this debris-strewn beach.

Those who remain agree with Webster Moore.

"I feel like I couldn't stay someplace else," he said. "Everywhere you turn, we're family some way or another."

City Hall has issued an order that no more houses are to be built over the water, where two-thirds of Mangrove Bight's homes had been located.

But, said Eveline Moore, "we have nowhere else to build. The land belongs to other people."

And after three weeks on land, she added, she is fed up with the mosquitoes.

"We are going to break out in malaria," she predicted.

Cherry Powery Moore, who has lived through four episodes of malaria on this island, shares that fear.

"If I had the money, I'd go right back out [to the sea to build] again," she said. "There may not be another hurricane for another 20 years." (Los Angeles Times)

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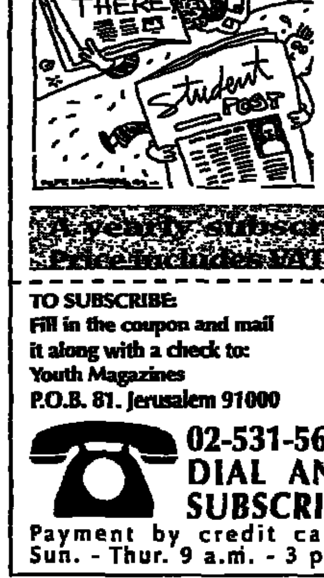

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Hereditary peers to lose rights

By MAUREEN JOHNSON

LONDON (AP) – Signaling an end to six centuries of tradition, Queen Elizabeth II opened parliament yesterday by announcing a Labor Party government bill to strip hereditary peers of their right to vote.

Elected lawmakers crowded at the back of the chamber, while the queen, wearing the Imperial State Crown and long white dress, read out to the ranks of peers, dressed in scarlet robes with ermine collars, a 22-bill legislative program that includes the political demise of the bluebloods.

"A bill will be introduced to remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords," the queen said, reading in even tones the 20-minute speech written by Prime Minister Tony Blair's government. "It will be the first stage of a process of reform to make the House of Lords more democratic and representative."

The legislative program – the second since Labor swept the long-ruling Conservative Party from office 19 months ago – also included a shakeup of welfare benefits designed to make things tougher for the work-shy, a reform of legal funding, and greater protection for rape victims.

The 72-year-old queen arrived at parliament amid almost all the traditional glittering pageantry, including a ride in with her husband, Prince Philip, in a horse-drawn carriage from Buckingham Palace.

The carriage was escorted by mounted members of the Household Cavalry, a regiment of helmeted riders with magnificent horses that has long ceremonially guarded the monarch.

Queen Elizabeth II (AP)

This time, because of Labor unease, however, a bit of the pomp and ceremony was missing.

The lord chancellor, the chief judicial officer, turned and walked away from the queen after handing her the speech instead of shuffling backwards.

And a few of the officials with quaint titles were missing – silver-stick-in-waiting, the commander of the Household Cavalry; portcullis pursuivant and nine other genealogists from the College of Arms; and one of the queen's two ladies-in-waiting.

Stripping the hereditary peers, some with centuries-old titles granted to descendants of monarchs' mistresses, was the measure set to attract most public comment.

Blair's aides, however, tried to focus attention on welfare shake-up, and changes in the state health and education system.

Confrontations between the government and the Lords – where the Conservatives have a built-in majority – have increased since Labor came to power. The Lords, who can delay legislation for up to a year, has defeated 38 government bills, most recently five times refusing to endorse changes in the voting system for the European Parliament.

Critics charge that by removing the 759 hereditary peers, Blair is simply leaving the chamber reduced to some 500 lifetime peers, many elderly retired politicians given titles by their parties, without announcing an alternative arrangement.

The government says it will appoint a commission to come up with ideas.

Conservative Party spokesman Michael Ancram accused Labor of "constitutional vandalism."

"There is a certain nostalgia," Lord Walpole, holder of a title created in 1723, said before the opening. "I have enjoyed every moment and I hope I have contributed."

Aziz: US won't succeed in breaking Iraq

By SAMIA NAKHOUL

BAGHDAD (Reuters) – Iraqi Deputy Premier Tareq Aziz said yesterday the US and its allies wanted to humiliate and break Iraq through military attacks and sanctions, but would never succeed.

"The tyrants and the evil of the world, America and the Zionists, and whoever is serving their interests and schemes today seek, as they did in the past and failed, to humiliate Iraq and bring it to its knees by threatening destruction.

"But they have forgotten that they have tried and failed before, and they will fail this time also," Aziz told the opening of a poetry festival in Baghdad.

A mass burial, meanwhile, was held in the Iraqi capital for some children who died from malnutrition and lack of medicine.

The procession stopped outside the UN offices where families chanted anti-American slogans demanding the lifting of UN sanctions imposed on Iraq since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Champion of democracy

The leader of Russia's Choice Party, Yegor Gaidar (center), flanked by former deputy prime minister Anatoly Chubais (left) and former first deputy prime minister Boris Nemtsov, pay their last respects yesterday to murdered liberal parliamentarian Galina Starovoitova. Russia's anti-communist elite turned out in force at Starovoitova's St. Petersburg funeral to pay her homage for speaking out for democracy. Starovoitova, 52, was gunned down in her St. Petersburg apartment building on Friday night. (Reuters)

WORLD

in brief

Yeltsin stable, remains hospitalized

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russian President Boris Yeltsin was in a stable condition with pneumonia in a Moscow hospital yesterday.

Nearly 48 hours after being rushed to a Moscow hospital with a high fever, Yeltsin was receiving treatment for pneumonia and the Kremlin said he would stay at the Central Clinical Hospital for as long as necessary. "His condition is stable. The president received necessary treatments today. His temperature is normal," Yeltsin's press secretary, Dmitry Yakushkin, said by telephone, adding that the president was able to walk around his room.

N.Korea threatens to scrap nuclear pact with US

TOKYO (Reuters) – North Korea yesterday repeatedly denied US allegations that it could be building an underground nuclear facility and threatened to scrap a landmark nuclear accord with Washington.

"If the US wants to break the framework agreement while having no idea of making compensation merely because we do not show them the underground facility, we no longer need to observe the agreement inconveniently," a spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said.

Fighting near eastern Congo town of Kongolo

KINSHASA (Reuters) – Zimbabwean-backed forces loyal to President Laurent Kabila have been fighting rebels round the eastern Congo town of Kongolo, state radio reported yesterday.

The radio also said that Zimbabwean planes had sunk six boats in weekend raids on Lake Tanganyika, killing up to 600 rebels on board.

There was no independent confirmation, but rebel political leader Ernest Wamba dia Wamba dismissed the report of the air raids.

"I assume this is just mere intoxication by Kinshasa and their allies directed towards the public in Kinshasa and Harare," he told Reuters in a telephone interview from rebel headquarters in the eastern town of Goma. Some government sources suggested that Kongolo had been recaptured by loyalists forces, but Wamba denied that too.

Berlin mayor backs Spielberg archive for memorial

BERLIN (Reuters) – The mayor of Berlin yesterday backed a proposal to make US film director Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation video library part of Germany's planned Holocaust memorial.

Mayor Eberhard Diepgen said a memorial where visitors could learn about the Holocaust was a better idea than the current proposal for a gigantic, more abstract monument. "I can imagine a solution which would combine a national memorial with information about the murder of the European Jews," Diepgen told the weekly newspaper *Die Woche*. "This combination would offer the chance to get away from abstract portrayal and would also offer the certainty that young people will still know what it's about if they visit the place in 50 years' time."

Diana outshone by Marilyn at auction

LONDON (Reuters) – Marilyn Monroe ounshone Princess Diana at a London commercial auction yesterday, but an industry expert predicted the late princess of Wales would eventually prove a stronger *memorabilia moneyspinner*.

A signed 1957 portrait photograph of the dead Hollywood superstar was snapped up by a Monroe enthusiast for £5,000 at Bonhams auction house, more than double the expected price.

But a limited edition personally-signed catalogue of Diana's dresses, one of only 250 produced for a 1997 charity auction and expected to sell for over £25,000, attracted no offers at the initial asking price of £10,000.

There were also no takers for a signed, handwritten letter from Diana mentioned in Andrew Morton's best-selling book *Diana Her True Story* – available for £2,000.

Report: Russia to hasten work on Iranian nuclear plant

TEHERAN (Reuters) – Iran and Russia agreed yesterday to speed up construction of a nuclear power plant in the Iranian Gulf port of Bushehr, a project strongly opposed by the US and Israel.

Teheran radio said Gholamreza Aghazadeh, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, and visiting Russian Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeni Adamov signed a protocol under which "the completion deadline of the Bushehr nuclear power plant's phase one was cut to 52 months from the contracted 55 months."

The report did not give a date for the completion of the 1,000-megawatt (MW) plant, but Iran and Russia have said it was expected to be commissioned next year.

Iranian media reports have said Iran was dissatisfied with the pace of construction and wanted Russia to speed it up.

Iran and Russia signed an $800-million deal for the plant's construction in January 1995.

The radio said the two countries also agreed to discuss financial issues for the construction of a second 1,000-MW unit of the Bushehr plant.

A joint committee was assigned to study the construction of another nuclear power plant in Iran, it added.

Aghazadeh and Adamov, speaking in Bushehr after visiting the plant, said the two countries gave top priority to the project, "which would be completed and commissioned on time regardless of external political pressures," the radio said.

The US has failed in repeated attempts to convince Russia not to cooperate on the Bushehr project, saying it could aid Iran's alleged nuclear weapons plans.

Donna Harman adds:

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said at a press conference yesterday that the building of the plant means that Iran will be one step closer to arming its ballistic missiles, which it is developing.

"And this would serve as a threat not only to us, but to the whole region, and ultimately to Russia as well," said Netanyahu.

He called on Russia to rethink its step, which "goes against all efforts to create peace and stability in our region."

Liat Collins adds:

Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, the head of research in OC Intelligence, also spoke of the Iranian nuclear threat, which he reportedly described as "growing."

He said Iran is investing unlimited resources in improving its strategic arsenal, focussing on developing the Shihab missile program for Marks III, IV and even V and integration with non-conventional weapons.

"They have to decide to develop their nuclear capability if they can," he said, adding that Iran's policy is to try to extend its influence over the Arab countries in the region, including Syria.

Ceaseless snow slows eastern Europe

By RON POPESKI

BUCHAREST (Reuters) – Unrelenting snowfalls pitched Romanian roads, railways, and airports into fresh chaos yesterday, as sub-zero temperatures across Europe swelled a death toll of several dozen, mostly among the homeless and elderly.

Conditions were grimmest in the Balkan region, but Western Europe also remained gripped by the cold – the most severe in 40 years in some regions.

There was no sign of immediate improvement in northern Italy, where temperatures in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region sank to minus 14 Celsius and winds of 115 kph whipped the Adriatic port of Trieste through the weekend.

Help lines for the homeless in France doubled their staff and highway and seagoing traffic was disrupted in northern Italy.

Snow fell throughout the day in the Romanian capital Bucharest, closing Baneasa Airport, which handles mostly domestic flights. Flights were diverted to the city's main Otopeni Airport and several departures were delayed. Rail timetables were largely abandoned with dozens of trains cancelled.

Many streets were coated with ice and barely passable for either motorists or pedestrians.

Heavy winds kept all Romanian Black Sea ports and the Danube river channel closed for the fourth day in a row.

Electricity and water supplies were subject to interruptions in hundreds of villages in southern Romania and across the Danube River border in Bulgaria. High winds also shut down an oilfield west of Bucharest.

The official Rompres news agency reported two new deaths – two farmers in their sixties found in their donkey-drawn cart – bringing to at least 12 the toll over the past week.

Romania began sending emergency power supplies to Moldova, its even poorer ex-Soviet neighbor to the north after its deputy prime minister had come to Bucharest seeking help.

In France, the death toll rose to eight after four more bodies were recovered during the night. An emergency telephone hot line drafted in more staff after reports that the homeless had difficulty getting through to be sent to shelters.

Forecasters predicted a respite later in the week.

S. Africa delays election registration

By DANIEL J. WAKIN

JOHANNESBURG (AP) – South Africa hit its first major snag on the road to next year's elections yesterday when officials postponed registration for half the country.

The Independent Electoral Commission called off registration in four provinces just three days before it was to begin compiling the voter rolls for the first election since the African National Congress swept to power in the balloting that ended apartheid.

No date has been set for the election.

Commission officials told reporters that the southern provinces needed more time to train the 72,000 civil servants nationwide offered by the ANC-led government to staff the registration.

The commission had to turn to the public employees, because it did not receive enough government funds to hire its own workers.

The military said 8,200 soldiers will take part.

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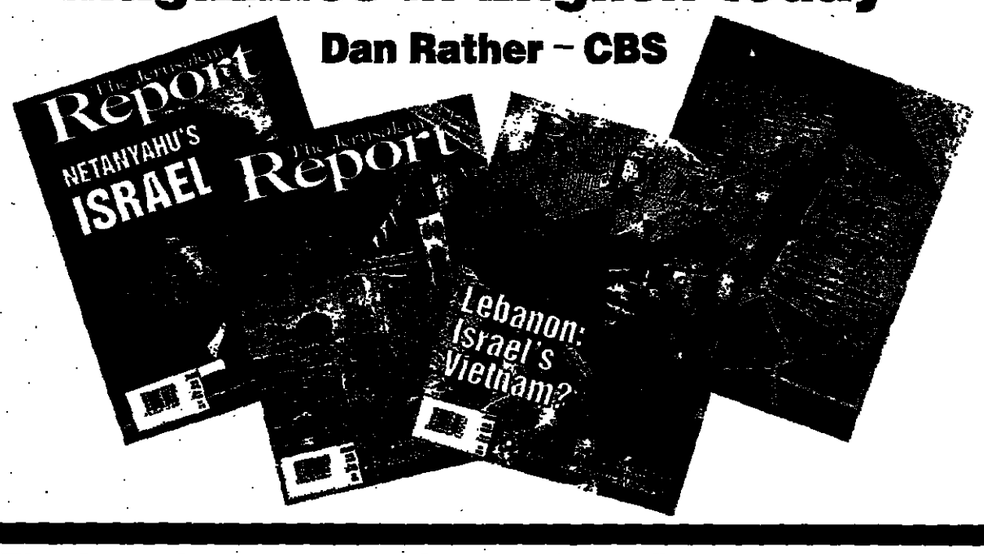

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Exploiting the Holocaust

The Holocaust and its lessons for today, one sadly has to conclude, is not the unifying issue it should be. At times, it seems its enormity has been dragged down into arguments about money and national prestige, or simply a campaign issue in a senatorial race.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, for example – assuming coalition maneuverings allow him to leave the country – is expected to get cold-shouldered in Switzerland today, because he attended a Knesset ceremony last week honoring World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and New York Senator Al D'Amato. Bern regards both, who actively pursued the $1.25 billion settlement with the Swiss banks, as Swiss-bashers.

In fact, this is Netanyahu's second run-in with the Swiss in two months. There was a Swiss-Israeli diplomatic flap in September, when Bern took offense at a letter Netanyahu wrote congratulating the WJC for helping to recover Holocaust victims' wealth. Swiss officials had expected Netanyahu to praise Switzerland's efforts to come to terms with its war-time past, rather than align himself with the WJC's aggressive campaign to get compensation from Switzerland.

D'Amato, a three-term Republican senator from New York, was cold-shouldered by New York's Jewish voters earlier this month, when they decisively turned against him and were instrumental in defeating him in his reelection bid. Nevertheless, the peripatetic senator had relentlessly pushed the Holocaust issue over the past two years. He convened hearings of the Senate Banking Committee, testified in front of assorted commissions, and appeared at numerous Jewish gatherings at which he assailed Swiss banks.

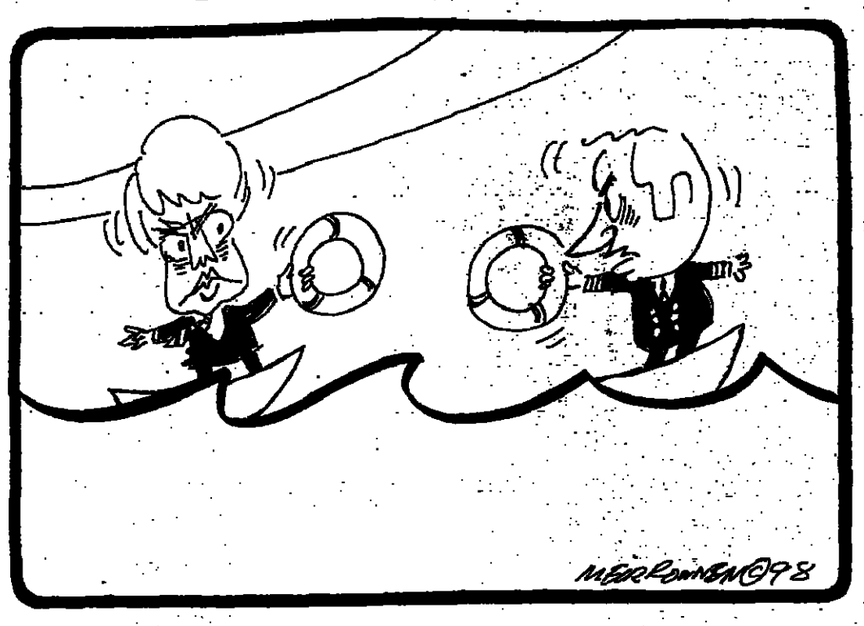
But none of this assured him the crucial Jewish vote. Quite the reverse: He lost it, in part for slurring his Jewish opponent, Charles Schumer, by calling him a "putz-head," but also for exploiting the Holocaust. Many apparently believed, as *Washington Post* columnist Richard Cohen said, that the senator had "trivialized the mass murder of European Jews – turned it into yet another campaign issue."

Sixty years after Kristallnacht, the legacy of the Holocaust heaps demands on Israel and the Jewish people. Holocaust education is crucial, so that future generations learn that bigotry is to be reviled and genocide is totally abhorrent. The memory of the six million is to be preserved, respected, and revered. And of course the strength of the State of Israel must be ensured to guarantee the security of the Jewish people. These tasks should not immerse the Holocaust in politics, and they should spare Jerusalem from confusing the national interests of sovereign Israel with the country's sentimental role as the representative of the Jewish people. Israel recognized that distinction in 1952, when it negotiated a DM 3 billion agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany to cover the costs of absorbing survivors, but left it to the Claims Conference to arrange a separate deal with then West Germany for compensation for the "Jewish world."

Now, however, there are a number of potential conflicts between Israel's national interests and its emotional role as the center of the Jewish world. Jerusalem, for example, recently held hostage a business award to the Italian insurer Assicurazioni Generali, which owns Migdal, over a list of Holocaust-era insurance policies. Bobby Brown, the prime minister's adviser on Diaspora affairs – as first reported this week in *The Jerusalem Post* – said he will release a "dirty list" of international organizations the government alleges refuse to divulge information on Nazi victims, at an international conference on Holocaust assets in Washington next week. The list also includes the state archives of Poland – with which Israel is negotiating a helicopter upgrade deal – the Czech Republic's federal state archive, and the Vatican's state and church archives.

But for all the ceremonies, announcements, hearings, and conferences, Holocaust survivors have yet to see any meaningful benefit. The $200 million Swiss humanitarian fund was established in March 1997 to urgently aid needy Nazi victims, yet Israeli survivors have yet to receive a shekel. Social workers report that survivors feel exploited, agitated, and angry, as they grieve anew for their murdered loved ones. The blame for the debacle of the humanitarian fund can be laid on the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which is directly and solely responsible for arranging for Jewish Nazi victims to receive funds. But many share responsibility.

The pursuit of justice for Nazi victims is critical, because none should be allowed to profit from the murder of Jews. But too many political and public figures have pursued the Holocaust for votes and glory, and in so doing have diverted attention from what must be the primary task at hand – helping the survivors live the rest of their days in at least a minimum of comfort.



Abolish the religious councils

DAVID NEWMAN

In a country where political life is so fragmented and emotional, there are no politics like religious politics.

United Torah Judaism is threatening to leave the coalition, simply because other people want to benefit from the religious services *funded by the state*. But – as we know too well – God forbid that the likes of Conservative and Reform Jews should be allowed to worship as they please. Better, the haredim would say, that they be totally secular; that they be atheists, or Marxists. But an alternative form of Judaism? Never.

Reform and Conservative Jews here have found themselves sandwiched between the hammer and the anvil. The religious and haredi groups, the controllers of state religion, view them as apostates, while secular Israel perceives them as "religious" and therefore not to be approached. Each, for their own reasons, is not prepared to support them in their quest for legitimacy in this, the state that was founded as a haven for all Jews, where no Jew would ever suffer discrimination simply for his or her religious beliefs or affiliations.

In recent years, though, the Conservative and Reform movements have begun to make a breach in the walls. One only has to look at the pre-festival newspapers to see the growing list of synagogues that offer services for those who seek religion, but not necessarily Orthodoxy.

Moreover, their adherents in the Diaspora are finally beginning to learn that they, too, can donate funds directly to their own synagogues and educational institutes – much the same way as the Orthodox give money to yeshivot – rather than continue to channel their donations to some central body, such as the Jewish Agency, which has its own agenda.

IN the mid-1980s, in the Negev town of Yeroham, Leah Shakdiel led a brave struggle for the right of a woman – an observant woman – to sit on the local religious council. Though much of the religious council's purview involves women's issues – the administration of *mikvaot* (ritual baths), for example – she only succeeded in gaining her seat after a long and bitter battle which was finally won in the High Court of Justice.

Abolishing the religious councils is probably one of the best things that could happen to religion in Israel

Since then, a few other women have been accepted on religious councils, but the majority of the councils view such "intrusions" as unwelcome and have done their best to prevent too many other women from taking part in a decision-making process that affects them.

But the latest move toward representation for other religious groups – last week's High Court ruling in their favor – has brought matters to a head. The Orthodox have categorically stated that they will not sit on the same councils as Reform and Conservative representatives. If necessary, they say, they would rather abolish the religious councils altogether and transfer their functions to the local authorities, rather than have to sit with these people whose beliefs they so utterly despise.

In fact, nothing could be better. There is no logical reason why a well-organized municipal department cannot provide religious services as well, if not better, than the religious councils.

Just as there are education, environment, and culture departments in most municipalities, there is no reason why there cannot be a department which deals with the public's religious needs. This would open the provision of religious services to public scrutiny, which can only be good for both religious and secular populations, and would allow for greater equality of service provision to diverse groups.

The religious councils have, for a long time, been one of the anathemas of Israeli politics, having become known as institutions that provide jobs "for the boys." They have done little to enhance the public's view of religion, having become better known for their internal political struggles, which reached new heights in recent years with the struggle for power between the National Religious Party and Shas.

UTJ's MKs, on the advice of their spiritual mentors, have warned that they will quit the coalition if Reform or Conservative representatives actually take up their positions on the religious councils. Netanyahu's coalition, shaky as it already is, would almost certainly collapse.

Either Netanyahu can undermine the political and democratic rights of these movements by attempting to circumvent the High Court ruling by pushing for a change in the law to assure Orthodox hegemony on the religious councils, or he can support the one option that's good for everybody – abolishing the religious councils altogether.

Sass and slugging

RUTHIE BLUM

A couple of weeks ago the twelfth grade of Tel Aviv's Gymnasia Herzliya went on a trip to Eilat. During the course of the four-day trip, which undoubtedly cost the parents of the 210 seniors a pretty penny, a war broke out between two groups of pupils.

On the bus ride to the port, where the pupils were to board two large tour boats, an argument over which music should be aired on the radio turned into an ugly verbal attack against the kids of Sephardi origin.

"All you know or care about is soccer," jeered their Ashkenazi peers.

"AshkeNazis!" retorted the angry Sephardim.

The accompanying adults did nothing – except put a handful of pupils in charge of selecting which of their classmates would go on one boat and which on the other. Apparently, those put in charge of "selection" belonged to the Ashkenazi group.

And here's where the trouble really started. As the kids boarded the boats, it became clear that they were being divided along ethnic lines. "Whites" on one boat and "blacks" on another (their words).

Still the accompanying adults did nothing – except maybe count the overtime pay they would be receiving for having gone on the trip (now that they've won that particular battle of their own.) The sights of the South were sadly lost on the traveling teenagers, who were busy – each group on its own boat – planning their revenge.

THAT evening, when they returned to the guest house on a kibbutz where they were to spend their last night, a full-fledged brawl erupted. Now fists, not just foul mouths, were involved.

Again the accompanying adults did nothing – except wait for the fighting to fizzle out, and count the hours remaining before they could return home and soak in a hot tub.

When the graduating class of Gymnasia Herzliya returned to the "city that never sleeps," moderate lip-service was paid by the school's teachers to the events that had transpired.

The whole thing was blown way out of proportion

It was only after the weekly tabloid *Tel Aviv* got wind of the story that it became the subject of any real discussion in the school. The school whose principal up until recently was Ron Huldai, Tel Aviv's new mayor. The school whose current principal is Shulamit Alomi's son, Dror.

When asked about the incident, my friend's son, who attends Gymnasia Herzliya's junior high school, said: "Naw, we didn't talk about it that much. The whole thing was blown way out of proportion."

BLOWN way out of proportion?

Just around the time of the Eilat fiasco, another incident occurred, this one at the Mekif Hei High School in Ashdod. While attending a school ceremony in honor of Yitzhak Rabin, 14-year-old Sophie Garber was caught sitting and chatting during the singing of *Hatikva*.

When accused of exhibiting inappropriate behavior, the ninth-grader told her chastiser that she "did not honor Rabin because he gave away territory."

Needless to say, young Sophie was sent straight to the principal's office. Needless to say, young Sophie was sent home from school for two days "to think about her statements."

When she returned after the allotted contemplation break, she reiterated her sentiments. At this point, the furious principal suspended her.

A few days later, when Sophie arrived at school with her father in tow, she was advised by the principal to read about the late prime minister and his legacy before expressing her views.

After following this advice, Sophie wrote a letter of apology.

"I understand that I was wrong," she wrote, "I thank you for causing me to change my opinion."

This past Sunday, however, in an interview on Israel Radio, Sophie claimed that she still held her previous beliefs. When asked for his response, principal Ya'acov Levy called the pupil's beliefs "illegal."

Maybe so, though it is the legality of Sophie's suspension which is now being reviewed by the Education Ministry

Anyone who comes in regular contact with adolescents should not be all that surprised by the behavior of the kids in either story.

It's the adults paid to educate and tend to them who should be sent back to school to learn to distinguish between sass and slugging. And to respond accordingly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MK SLOMIANSKY'S BIGOTRY

Sir, - In response to the recent outrageous attack on the Swiss Christian women in Mea She'arim, our Anti-Defamation League office immediately issued a strong condemnation and expressed the hope that the perpetrators and ringleaders of this bigoted vandalism will be brought to justice.

Aside from the desecration of property and dignity, the attack was a desecration of the Divine Name - a *hillul haShem* - especially as it was ostensibly done in the name of Judaism.

We further condemn those bigots who justified this horrendous attack. We are nevertheless surprised to find that National Religious Party MK Nissan Slomiansky is among them, according to your report "Police nab suspects in Mea She'arim attack" (November 24).

The implication behind Slomiansky's remarks in the Knesset – that because the women lived in a haredi neighborhood, they bear some kind of responsibility for the attack against them – is a deplorable example of "blaming the victim" which evokes anti-semitic rationalizations justifying attacks against Jews in the past.

Our heritage demands of us to behave respectfully toward all human beings and even teaches that any affront towards non-Jews is even worse than that against Jews precisely because it involves a *hillul haShem* (*Seder Eliahu Rabba, 26*).

We deeply regret that MK Slomiansky chose to excuse such a desecration of the Divine Name.

RABBI DAVID ROSEN
Director, ADL.

Jerusalem.

SOCIAL WELFARE DISGRACE

Sir, – "Kick 'em!" That should be the motto of the Labor Ministry's department of social welfare.

We are one of the many foster families throughout the country who are giving dedicated and loving care to children whose parents, for one reason or another, are unable to care for them. We willingly pay the multitude of expenses from our own funds, some of which are refunded the following month.

Due to a "work slowdown," "computer breakdown," and general apathy, foster families have not received any funds due them since the month of May. This includes the peak period of extra expenses such as summer camp, school tuition, books and supplies, transportation, clothes and the myriad of extra expenses that these children with special needs require.

These children are among the weakest in our society. Since we can't and don't strike, the attitude of the social welfare department is "Kick 'em."

By the way, the system managed to pay their own salaries in spite of the aforementioned "breakdowns" and strikes."

NAME WITHHELD

SPOILED ROTTEN

Sir, – It seems that there could be a world recession, with prices forever rising (is it greed?) and yet still the Marie Antoinette doctrine of "If they can't afford bread, let them eat cake" pervades this society.

Like obstinate children, they say "we'll strike, we won't eat" – and wait for their worried parents to give in to their demands.

I recall a depression when we didn't have funds but we did the best we could – managed on what we could and did without if necessary.

I learned from my father that if I earned sixpence I should live on fivepence and save a penny. We still grew up, did the best we could.

If you couldn't afford university, you went to work as a secretary or whatever and earned what you needed. There were those who worked during the day and studied at night and became the professionals they wanted to be.

Our youth are spoiled rotten.

GERTRUDE COHEN

Ra'anana.

Overcoming the obstacles

ALBERT BENABOU

Israel and the Arab world have crossed many bridges since the first peace treaty with Egypt in 1979. Many taboos have been removed during this journey. Indicative, perhaps, was the way enormous square tables separating the parties at the Madrid Conference in 1991 were replaced by tiny round kitchen tables at Wye Plantation, that squeezed Israelis and Palestinians into intimate and fruitful negotiations.

Israel and its Arab neighbors have politically matured and are embarking on a process of cooperation for the next millennium, with mutual respect for the diverse heritages of each of the nations who form the mosaic of our region. Israel is in the process of gaining acceptance in the Arab world, as the objections of extremist groups are being marginalized.

Algeria partipated in a few crucial events in that process, such as the multilateral encounters and the Sharm el-Sheikh conference against terror. Why didn't that dynamic produce concrete bilateral contacts with Israel? What are the final obstacles that need to be overcome to normalize our relations?

I was startled to hear from a young Algerian that he has never seen a Jew in Algeria. Where have the 3,000 years of Jewish presence, culture and partnership disappeared?

Algeria achieved its independence from France in 1962 and aligned itself with Egypt, and the other countries from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean, that had vowed to destroy Israel.

The majority of the Jewish community emigrated in the following year. Many of them made their way to France or to Israel, but retained the memories of a shared life with Berbers and Arabs in [illegible]

Abdel Razak Abdel Kader (a descendent of the first Abdel Kader, who battle French colonialism in 1832), wrote in the 1960s that the Jewish people, the State of Israel and the Arab world were launched along the same track of freedom and self-determination. He added that both Jews and Algerians should find a way to free themselves from the traumas of persecution on one side, and of colonialization on the other, and move towards coexistance.

In fact, Hanane Echeikh, in his article in the Algerian newspaper *La Nouvelle Republique* (October 25, 1998) published a letter of intention addressed by Algeria to Israel, calling for normalization of relations for the benefit of both Algeria and Israel, "out of rational interest and heart."

There's no reason the people of Algeria and Israel can't work together for their mutual benefit

WE are in a transitional phase of history. A change in international relations has occurred after the shift in the world's political structures.

Ambiguities and anxieties have resulted in a balance of power, following the disappearance of the two-bloc system. In a culturally open world with an emerging global economy, the aspirations of the nation-state are changing: there is a higher concern for the affairs of one's immediate community and region.

Whatever happens to Algerians and to Israelis is today of common concern to each. We are linked in a world of international interdependence and at the same time, preoccupied by diversity and domestic affairs.

Today, Israel and Algeria are battling a similar enemy – terrorism. Both also participated in the Barcelona Conference, which called on nations to improve the quality of life of their populations as a deterrent to insecurity and to the disparate movement of population.

I recall from our culture in North Africa that both imams and rabbis would preach the adopting of the middle, moderate path: to avoid extremes even while realizing that this is the most difficult way.

There is a saying in the local language: "*shuay al Allah u shuay al abdo*," which means a little for God and a little for his servant – a sharing between the spiritual and the material life.

In the last half century, the Jewish people has retraced its roots to its homeland, recovered its independence and reached great heights in many fields such as high technology, medicine, science and agriculture.

It is due time to invite Algeria to be an equal partner in cooperative ventures in those fields, as well as in cultural, socioeconomic affairs and more.

No official document signed by the national leaders will be enough to create or generate proper relations between the two countries. We establish relations at the grass-roots level, a cooperation between the people in Algeria and in Israel, a bridge between communities serving their interests, and helping to assure security, stability and prosperity.

Algeria is endowed with enormous potential. It possesses a free and articulate civil society which could engender contacts, opening the road to official relations between Israel and Algeria.

No country can compel another to follow any particular track. We realize today that negotiating and sharing are the correct procedures. We are in the era of inclusion, not exclusion. And we should work together to deal with the affairs of our cities and villages in the valleys and mountains of Algeria and Israel.

The writer is a director of regional cooperation projects.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On November 25, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Letter No. 1 in Israel's newly-established air mail service was delivered to the Minister of Communications, Mr. David Remez, when Lod Airport was opened to civilian traffic. Mr. Remez signed the first receipt which was handed to him by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Mr. A. Pinkas.

25 years ago: On November 25, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the talks between Maj.-Gen. Yariv and Egyptian Lt.-General Gamassy, held at kilometer 101 on the Suez-Cairo road reached a critical point "calling for decisions by their respective governments," while Defense Minister Moshe Dayan [illegible] warned that Israel might still be at the very beginning – not the end – of the war with Egypt and Syria.

Alexander Zvielli

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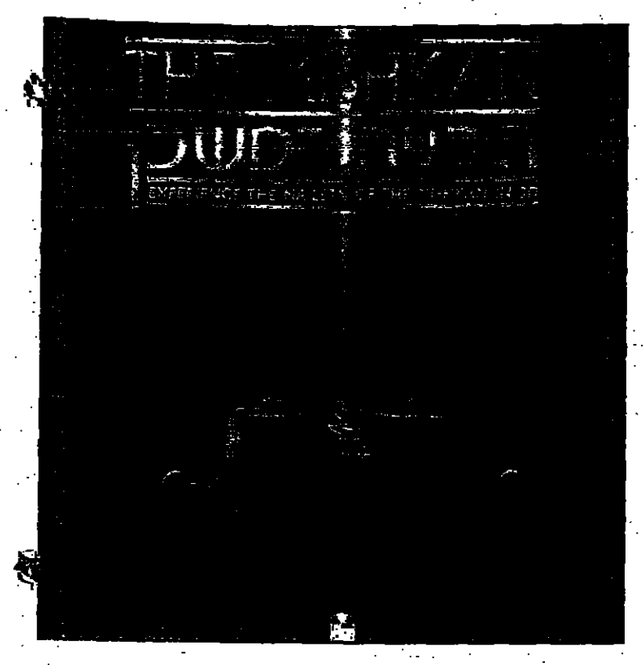

Tackling the Tabernacle

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

The Mishkan (Tavnit Hamishkan), a CD-ROM in either English or Hebrew version, by Torah Educational Software in Jerusalem, requires Windows 95 or higher, for age 9 and up, sold by The Jerusalem Post Book Department for NIS 169 plus NIS 10 shipping & handling, and other outlets

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Quite a lot in the religious school curriculum has to be memorized. Some of the most difficult material to learn by heart is the extremely technical biblical description of the construction of the Temple and the Tabernacle (*Mishkan*).

I remember struggling with these abstruse details in my New York yeshiva day school, and I've seen my own children struggle, too – though their schools, at least, distribute better, accompanying diagrams than my classmates and I had.

But now the study of the Tabernacle, whose structure is described in the Book of Exodus in terms used by today's technical manuals, comes to life with this imaginative, well-researched disk. The 100 three-dimensional pictures in over 40 full-color animated videos make the Tabernacle so tangible that its gold structures appear to gleam in the sunlight.

For the uninitiated (which probably includes most pupils in secular schools, who are unlikely to be interested in this program), the Mishkan was the portable sanctuary built by the Children of Israel in the desert, after their Exodus from Egypt. The Hebrew word refers to the dwelling of God's spirit in the structure, which was tended by the priests.

It consisted of an outer court, a copper laver for washing, an altar for burnt offerings and its sloped ramp, and a sanctuary covered with ram skin and a veiled screen in front of it. Inside was the Ark of the Covenant, an oblong box of acacia wood laid over with pure gold and containing the holiest objects in Judaism – the tablets of the Ten Commandments.

On top of the ark was a slab of gold with two cherubs opposite each other and facing downwards at the slab, which is called the "mercy seat."

There were also a seven-armed menora lampstand, made of pure gold and ornamented by cups, knobs and flowers that looked like almond blossoms.

These and the Tabernacle's other "furniture," including the altar of incense and the showbread, were built and designed by Bezalel and Oholiav, with their team of artisans.

The Tabernacle was transported from one camping ground to another during the Israelites' 40 years of wanderings through the wilderness and then brought into Eretz Yisrael, to Shilo, before the building of the Temple.

THE disk opens with the scene of a multimedia classroom, in which a hassidic rabbi (he has long sidecurls) stands at a lectern next to a screen and addresses an audience of 12 adult men whose heads can be seen from the back. The makers of the program were careful to represent all kinds of religious Jews by putting crocheted kippot, shtreimels, Lithuanian-style fedoras and other headgear on the heads, which are clicked to elicit a dozen questions about the Tabernacle and view an animated lesson.

(Although girls are required to learn about the Mishkan as much as boys, there are no women in the audience. Surely they could have been some – seated separately, if

As relaxing Jewish music plays in the background, you click on the heads so they can ask their questions: Where were the ritual instruments located? How was the Ark of the Covenant put together? and so on. With no human figures appearing, the 3-D animation rotates the parts of the Tabernacle 360°, assembles and dismantles the various components, and provides an intelligent narration throughout.

Click on the bottom of the screen to see a gallery of 15 Mishkan objects, in whole or their parts, each of which can be printed out.

Click on the rabbi to hear and read a statement that while many of the details are undisputed, others have been contested by various rabbinical sages through the millennia; these minority views are also discussed in detail.

The disk does an excellent job showing the "what" of the Tabernacle. But it totally neglects to explain the "when," "where," "how" and "why" and put the Mishkan in context. There should have been an animation of the priests going about their holy tasks in the Tabernacle.

When I pointed this out to Torah Educational Software president Emanuel Fishman, he disclosed that the actual goings-on in the Mishkan will be described in a soon-to-be released sequel, along with descriptions of the animal sacrifices and other rituals.

While this is welcome, at least some of it should have been included in this first disk, so that customers needn't be required to buy both.

Who Stole Hanukkah?, a CD-ROM in Hebrew, English, French, Spanish and Russian, by CD-JeMM, for PCs and Macs, for elementary-school-aged children, distributed by The Jerusalem Post Book Department, priced at NIS 79 plus NIS 8 shipping & handling, and other outlets

Rating: ★★★★ ☆

CD-JeMM, the Jerusalem software company that made Pessah come alive with its wonderful disk full of animated plasticine figures, has now turned its talents to Hanukka. Given the five-language narration it provides in a single disk, it aims to spread the word about the holiday throughout Israel and the Diaspora. It does a very good job using invented fantasy, but I still prefer its more realistic Pessah program.

The story is based on a frog-like Prof. Croak (Prof. Yarkoni, in Hebrew) who collected antiques and whose "most prized" possession was the jar of purified oil that Judah Maccabee found in the Second Temple. But one day he fell asleep in his study, and to his horror, somebody stole the treasure!

There are eight suspects: Narcisso the Greek statue; Crystal the fortune-teller; the Latke Troll; Bomba the warrior elephant; Shlemeil the Temple repairman; Mademoiselle Menora; singer Ora Star and the Candle Sister. The object of the game is to identify the thief with the help of Ner-Li, a female detective, whose room can be entered with a password and golden keys collected during one's journey through the disk by answering holiday questions correctly.

There are three plaster busts to click on for serious resource-center material on Hanukka, its history, sources and a short handbook on how to celebrate it.

To play the game, you go to a street scene with an eight-windowed building; click on each window to get to a room with three doors, each of which leads to a holiday-related activity or Ner-Li's room.

Use a magnifying glass for clues at the scene of the crime, Prof. Croak's study and figure out who-dunit.

The activities are enjoyable, the graphics competent and the help menu useful, but one wonders whether younger users might end up believing Prof. Croak and Ner-Li are historical figures like Judah Maccabee or Antiochus.

The 'intruder' who's here to stay

Pamela Warrick learns how parents can help 'big' brothers and sisters adjust to the traumatic arrival of a new baby

One week to the day after Jake and Rose Fowler brought baby Max home from the hospital, their older son, James, announced that he had been thinking a lot about his new brother and had just one question.

Folding his hands beneath his dimpled chin, the precocious four-year-old gazed at the ceiling and pondered, "I was just wondering... what would happen if someone held baby Max by his toes out the upstairs window?"

The parents gasped and together raced up to the nursery to find Max safe in his crib.

Though relieved, the Fowlers were stunned and frightened by James's query. Was this simply the innocent imagining of a mischievous preschooler – or was their baby truly in danger?

When the only child loses his place at the center of the family universe, that universe explodes. Sometimes, say the experts, the new world order is established quickly and without much trauma. But in too many cases, the chaos continues well past the new baby's first year.

From the little girl who put her baby brother under her bed with her other toys and suggested keeping him there until "it's time to play with him again" to the five-year-old who insisted on wearing diapers and drinking from a bottle just like his newborn sister, the stories of firstborns' reactions to new babies are enough to make some parents stop at one.

Novelist Anna Quindlen wrote about first son Quin's shock when he realized what it meant when he needed his mother's attention and didn't get it because she was busy with the new baby.

"I turned to my older son and said, 'You know, Quin, I'm Christopher's mommy, too.' The look that passed over his face was the one that usually accompanies the discovery of a dead body in the den: shock, denial, horror. 'And Daddy is Christopher's daddy, too?' he gasped."

AS painful as they are, the experts tell us, sibling rivalries are not only natural, they can be useful. No less an authority than the late Benjamin Spock – pediatrician, author and the eldest of six siblings – wrote 50 years ago that this first competition can build the confidence and coping skills needed for the inevitable rivalries at work and at home later in life.

To make sibling rivalry a constructive experience, children need their parents' help and understanding. Start by preparing your child gradually for the baby's arrival.

"No matter how carefully you break the news, it's going to take a small child awhile to digest it," says Nancy Samalin, author of *Loving Each One Best* (Bantam Books, 1996).

Though painful, sibling rivalry can help build the confidence and coping skills needed for later rivalries at home and work. (Sarit Uziely)

She recounts the story of four-year-old Elena, who struggled with her belief that because her mother was having another baby, she was also going to have another family and leave her behind.

There is no foolproof method for guaranteeing Baby No. 1 will welcome and adore Baby No. 2, but there are some steps that can certainly help:

- Take your child with you to visits to the obstetrician.
- Sign up for sibling preparation classes, free at most hospitals.
- Visit a friend with a newborn.
- Talk about the baby growing inside the mother and encourage your firstborn to feel it move.
- Although the biology of pregnancy can be difficult to explain to a child younger than two, parents can show the big brother- or big sister-to-be pictures of the baby growing – either from a book such as *A Child Is Born* (Delacorte Press, 1990) by photographer Lennart Nilsson or from in-utero images taken by the doctor.
- Show your child pictures of himself when he was a baby and talk about how he has grown and how many things he can do now that he couldn't do then.
- Don't wait until the last minute to prepare your home for the new addition. Your firstborn's life is going to be seriously disrupted no matter how well you prepare, so avoid making major changes in the ninth month.

Another baby is like the introduction of a second wife – which No. 1 is supposed to welcome

IN their perennial best-seller, *Siblings Without Rivalry* (W.W. Norton, 1987), Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish liken the addition of another baby to the introduction of a second wife.

Comparing the first wife's feelings to those of the firstborn child, the authors ask parents to put themselves in this scenario: "When the new wife finally arrives, you see that she's young and cute. When the family is out together, people say hello to you politely, but exclaim ecstatically over the newcomer. 'Isn't she adorable! Hello, sweetheart.... You are precious!'

"Then they turn to you and ask, 'How do you like the new wife?' "

This, Dr. Spock would suggest, is the time to show and tell your first baby how much you love her. When you come home from the hospital, let someone else hold the new baby while you hug and kiss your older child. And if the older child wants a bottle or even to be with the mother when she breast-feeds the baby, don't object.

The craving to be a baby strikes most young children at some point in their adjustment to siblinghood. Some may relapse and wet their bed, or may revert to baby talk and crawling instead of walking.

Parenting experts say it's okay to humor this behavior once in a while, but suggest it may be more useful to appeal to the other side of the child – the part that wants to be grown up.

Even children as young as three can help out – if not with baby care, then by fetching diapers or a bottle from the fridge.

Author Samalin suggests asking your older child to "translate" what he thinks the baby wants. The older child can then be rewarded for "understanding the baby better than anyone."

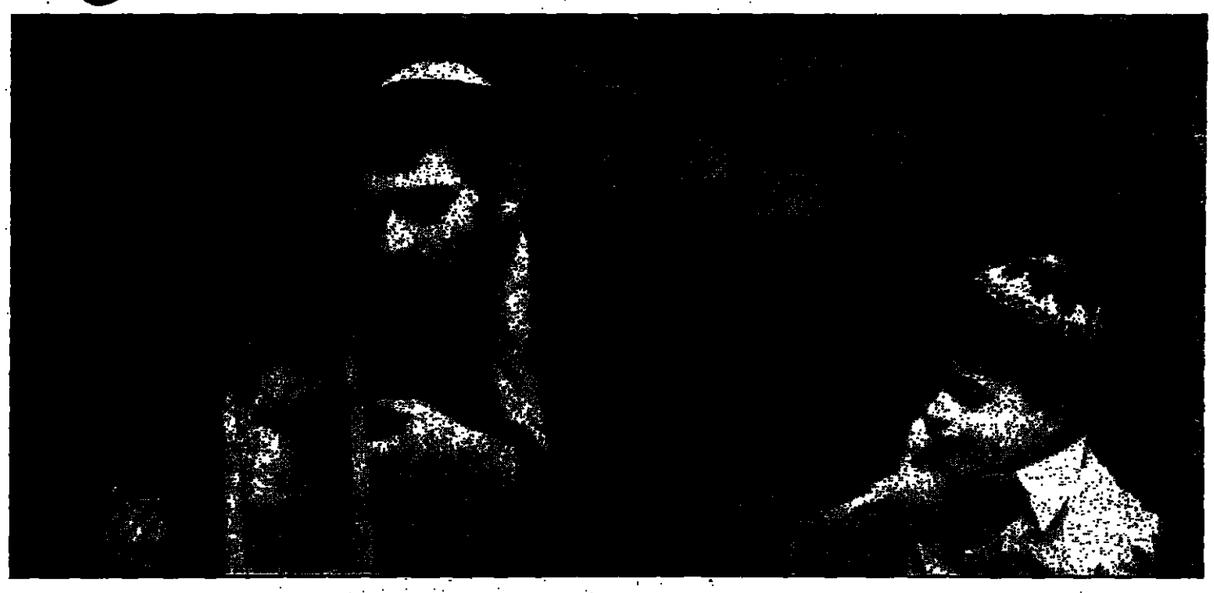
But for the first year, don't leave them alone together.

Although little James Fowler never harmed his brother, Max, the Fowlers took his inquiry about the new baby seriously and reassured him that while they respected his feelings, they weren't going to let him – or anyone – hold the baby by his toes out the upstairs window.

(Los Angeles Times)

'Organic' Judaism for kids

By Ruth Mason



A child is never too young to bless the Shabbat candles.

Do you want to add joy to what your children may experience as prohibitions on Shabbat? Have you searched for Jewish guidance to thorny moral problems presented by your teenagers and wished you had it at your fingertips? Have you ever sat at your holiday table and wished you knew how to convey more of the day's meaning to your children?

If so, pick up a copy of *Jewish Family and Life – Traditions, Holidays and Values for Today's Parents and Children*. The lively colors on the book's cover, and even the jaunty font in which the title and authors' names are printed, reflect the tone of the book: friendly, fun, hands-on – but also filled with depth and meaning.

Think of a kind of *Jewish Catalogue* for parents and kids.

Authors Rabbi Susan Silverman and her husband, Yosef Abramowitz, a journalist, are co-founders of the web site www.jewishfamily.com which inspired the book. Their approach is inclusive, advocating no particular religious line. They call the Judaism they want to encourage "organic" and say their aim is to help it grow in the fertile soil of your home and family.

In addition to activities and many how-to's, the book introduces us to real families and their various approaches to living Jewishly.

Being Jewish, write the authors, is a journey and they let us in on other families' journeys toward incorporating more Jewish tradition into their everydaylives.

Silverman and Abramowitz see Jewish customs, holidays, rituals and daily life imbued with four cornerstone values of tradition: *tzelem elohim*, the idea that everyone is made in the image of God; *shalom*, peace; *tzedek*, justice, and *tikkun olam*, our obligation to help make the world a better place.

The book is divided into three sections: traditions, holidays and values. It is full of information, sources, stories and quotes.

Here are some practical ideas to enrich the Jewish atmosphere in your home:

- Make a family mitzva tree: Do this together with your kids or apportion different parts of the project to different children. On a large piece of heavy paper, draw a tree with a branch for each family member. At the end of each branch, glue a piece of Velcro.

Cut leaves out of heavy construction paper and glue a piece of Velcro on the back of each one. Write a different mitzva on each leaf, such as giving tzedaka, visiting the sick, getting up for an older person on the bus, helping a neighbor carry groceries, writing a letter to a politician about an issue of concern, studying Torah, making blessings, lighting Shabbat candles, etc. Each time a family member does a mitzva, attach the leaf to that person's branch. Start over at the end of every Shabbat.

- Organize a Jewish birthday treasure hunt: Instead of simply giving your child her birthday gift, have all the children search for it. Use the Jewish symbols in your home in the hunt.

For example, the first clue can read, "Moses and Miriam put this on their door so we are able to put one on our door." Then taped to the mezuza, they might find a note that reads, "Who gives to the poor shall not lack (Proverbs 28:27)." You can hide the next clue under a pile of coins to be put into your tzedaka box and so on until they find the birthday gift at the end.

- On Shabbat, act out a scene from the week's Torah portion.
- Write yourselves Yom Kippur letters: Gather your family together on the day before Yom Kippur. Hand out pens and paper and have everyone write a letter to themselves on a theme such as: What can I do to become a more sensitive person? Or, How can I contribute to *tikkun olam* this year?

Have everyone seal, address and stamp the envelopes and assign someone to mail them just before the following Yom Kippur. Collect these and you will be able to chart your family's personal/spiritual growth over the years.

- Celebrate Tu Be'av: In ancient Jerusalem, young women dressed in white would dance under the full moon on this day while men would follow in the hopes of finding a bride. Tu Be'av is also known as the day when, 40 years after the Israelites left Egypt, God told them they would be able to enter the Promised Land.
- Bring home flowers; arrange to spend private time with your spouse (even though they will be without you, this is a good model for your children!); gather the family together, make a list of everyone you love and address envelopes to them for Rosh Hashana cards.

Each chapter of the book has a section called "Hands-On Judaism" in which you will find many more ideas.

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Gardener's Corner

Grow your own air freshener

By Batsheva Mink

Growing between 20 and 30 cm. in shades of dark red, pink, blue and white, all hyacinths give off the same delicious perfume, although the whites have the strongest smell.

Spring bulbs in full bloom lift the heart like nothing else, bringing your garden alive after a long wet winter. If daffodils are the No. 1 bulbous flower, the hyacinth – with its magnificent scent and vibrant colors – is an inarguable runner-up.

Every spring, as the hyacinth flowers begin to unfold, I always wish I had planted more.

No single class of plants is as versatile as the bulb type. They grow in almost any reasonable garden soil, and do well both in the sun and the shade.

Now is the time to start thinking about which bulbs you want to plant. Hyacinths should be planted some time between the end of December and the end of January, but the bulbs must be refrigerated for four to eight weeks before planting so as to emulate conditions in their native, and cooler, Holland. If you wait too long to buy, you'll miss the boat, because they stop selling them in January.

The hyacinth takes its name from a Greek legend. Hyacinthus was a youth loved and accidentally killed by Apollo, who then memorialized the youth with a hyacinth growing from the youth's blood. Homer alludes to the dainty hyacinth as being among the flowers which formed the couch of Juno.

The genus has about 30 species and belongs to the lily family (*Liliaceae*), native primarily to the Mediterranean region and tropical Africa.

A native of Eastern Europe and Western Asia, the *Hyacinth orientalis* (Heb. *yakinton*) was used to produce the modern garden hyacinth. Introduced into England in 1560, its popularity increased so much that a 100 years later Dutch growers had produced 2,000 new varieties. One, called King of Great Britain, bore double flowers and each bulb sold for £100, quite a sum in the early part of the 18th century.

The florists' hyacinths, as they came to be called, were grown in pots for winter decoration – their scent counteracted the musty smell of badly ventilated rooms. These flowers owe their popularity to Madame de Pompadour, who decided that the court should adopt them as the fashionable flower for indoor decoration during the winter and early spring.

Growing between 20 and 30 cm. in shades of dark red, pink, blue and white, all hyacinths give off the same delicious perfume, although the whites have the strongest smell.

Flowering occurs in early, mid – and late spring. Planting a few bulbs a week will give you flowers over a longer period. Choose large, firm, fat bulbs, free of soft spots, mold, bruises and cuts. Do not keep the bulbs in a warm room too long before planting them. Hyacinths need a cool environment in order to flower successfully. If the bulbs are kept warm too long, they may not flower at all.

Because hyacinths, along with tulips, require an annual warm-cool-warm temperature sequence for them to bloom, gardeners in mild areas need to plant precooled bulbs. To precool, simply store the bulbs in a bag in the warmest part of the refrigerator (the vegetable drawer) for four to eight weeks before planting. Do not place near ripening fruit, because the ethylene gas produced by the ripening process can inhibit bulbs from blooming. Cold temperatures are also necessary for producing good strong stems. Your warm-region garden is likely to produce short stems if precooling does not take place.

Cultivation in the garden: Make sure the soil is not compacted. All bulbs require free drainage – they rot in soggy soil.

Preparation: Turn the soil over with a sprinkling of all-purpose fertilizer.

Position: Plant in a partly shaded position. If planted in full sun the flowering period will be shorter.

Planting: Plant bulbs 15 cm. deep and 20 cm. apart.

Watering: Do not let them dry out at flowering time; it will cause the stem to collapse.

Soil: Hyacinths are not fussy about soil as long as the drainage is good.

Pests and Diseases: Discoloration of the foliage and poor development of the flowers are usually due to unsuitable growing conditions.

After flowering: Allow the leaves to turn yellow before lifting the bulbs. Store in peat moss in a cool dry place.

Batsheva Mink is a curator of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Givat Ram.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.

Tip of the week

Create an indoor display by planting three bulbs of the same color in 8 cm. pots of moist potting compost. Different colored bulbs are likely to flower at different times. Add sand and place the pots in a cool dark place for about eight weeks. When the new shoots are 5 cm. high, bring them into the light. Keep watered, but not drenched. Hyacinths last longer in a cool room.

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Pets that wheeze and sneeze

By D'vora Ben Shaul

One of our readers has written about her seven-year-old cat, a neutered tom.

"Our cat constantly wheezes, coughs, sneezes and seems short of breath. This has been going on for two years now and seems to be worse when he stays inside the house for long periods. After a period outside he seems better. Our veterinarian says that he has asthma. Have you heard of this condition in cats?"

Indeed I have, and it is not as rare as some people think for animals, especially cats and dogs, to have allergy-related diseases. Our pets may suffer the effects of chemical intruders no less than do their human companions.

The cat mentioned here is most probably suffering from a reaction to a household contaminant, since the owner says he improves outside in the fresh air.

While a few dogs and cats may have a type of hay fever brought on by exposure to grasses and garden plants, this is unusual. More common are reactions to detergents, insecticides, herbicides and a host of other chemical pollutants.

One of the most severe manifestations is the respiratory condition known as asthma. It is often caused by an allergy to formaldehyde, used in making plywood, particle boards and all sorts of other wood used in cabinets and household furniture, as well as wooden wall and ceiling panels.

Many dogs and cats suffer severe skin eruptions, hair loss and general poor condition when the area where they walk or play is sprayed with herbicides. Problems may range from skin conditions through severe symptoms of toxic exposure and poisoning may be suspected, correctly, as the cause. Another common condition that is often not recognized as an allergy is "red eye." One or both eyes have inflamed, itchy lids, and seem dry and staring. This is often caused by a tear-duct blockage due to a slight swelling which does not allow the normal flow of moisture into the eyes.

Over the years, I have seen a number of animals suffering from respiratory or skin reactions to chemicals. One Jerusalem dog suffered from a severe skin condition that no amount of pills, baths or ointments could alleviate until its owner decided to wash her bedding in an extra cycle of clear water only. The dog slept on her bed, and it turned out to be the residual detergent in the sheets that was causing the problem.

In another case, a cat that repeatedly suffered from intestinal upsets, loss of appetite and general debility recovered completely when kept inside and denied access to the lawn, where a number of herbicides and fungicides were regularly in use.

Whatever the symptoms, a veterinarian should be consulted and asked about the possibility of allergies. Our pets, like ourselves, are exposed to such a variety of contaminants that it is hard to say just what may be the cause of the problems.

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Movie geeks come out in force

By MICHAEL COLTON

Joel Bergen's parents had the Vietnam War, the Berlin Wall and the civil rights movement; he has the Clone Wars, the Republic of Naboo and the Dark Side of the Force.

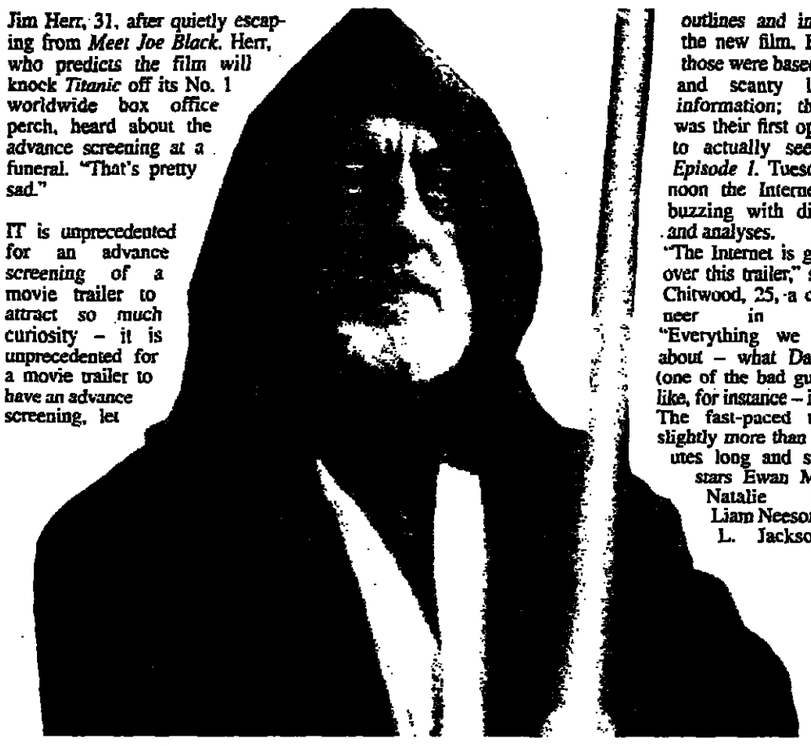
Though most of the moviegoing public in the US and Canada waited until last Friday to view the two-minute trailer for next year's *Star Wars* prequel – perhaps the most anticipated movie ever – Bergen, a 17-year-old Arlington, Va., high school senior, had to see it before everybody else. "It's a piece of history," he said.

At only 75 screens selected by 20th Century Fox, fans in the United States and Canada gathered last week for the first glimpse of *Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace*. Summoned by Web sites like Lucasfilm's Star Wars page and Ain't It Cool News, the audiences consisted of high school students and college professors, self-professed "movie geeks" and slackers ditching work.

At last week's Tuesday afternoon screening of *Meet Joe Black* at the Uptown Theater in Cleveland Park, fans – mostly male – sat in anticipation, reading comic books and scholarly texts about cinema. But at least a dozen people left before the film started. It wasn't the thought of three hours of Brad Pitt as Death that scared them away: They had come just for the trailer.

"Unbelievable," said a visibly elated Rob McNeese, 24, an Arlington college student. "I consider myself a harsh critic, but after the trailer I was applauding."

"It's going to be incredible," said Jim Herr, 31, after quietly escaping from *Meet Joe Black*. Herr, who predicts the film will knock *Titanic* off its No. 1 worldwide box office perch, heard about the advance screening at a funeral. "That's pretty sad."



IT is unprecedented for an advance screening of a movie trailer to attract so much curiosity – it is unprecedented for a movie trailer to have an advance screening, let alone one that's covered by the BBC – but everything about *Episode I* has been unprecedented. The fourth installment of the venerable *Star Wars* series (but the first chronologically), the film is George Lucas' first directorial effort since the original *Star Wars* in 1977. It is scheduled to open in the US May 21.

Web sites and magazines have been busy for months speculating on every aspect about the production from the plot, casting and title, to which fast-food restaurant will provide toys and how much advertising it will get during the Super Bowl (Taco Bell and 12 minutes, according to one site).

Some avid fans – who have waited since *Return of the Jedi* in 1983 biding their time with *Star Wars* books, toys and video games – have constructed their own scripts, outlines and images for the new film. But all of those were based on leaks and scanty legitimate information; the trailer was their first opportunity to actually see any of *Episode I*. Tuesday afternoon the Internet started buzzing with dissections and analyses.

"The Internet is going nuts over this trailer," said Scott Chitwood, 25, a civil engineer in Houston. "Everything we gossiped about – what Darth Maul (one of the bad guys) looks like, for instance – is shown." The fast-paced trailer is slightly more than two minutes long and shows off stars Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Liam Neeson, Samuel L. Jackson, Jake Lloyd, R2D2 and Yoda. It contains the familiar John Williams score, lots of chases and special effects, and a line that undoubtedly sent shivers down many spines in the multiplexes: "Anakin Skywalker, meet Obi-Wan Kenobi." (Jedi knight Kenobi and Skywalker, the future Darth Vader, fight to the death in *Star Wars*.)

Lucasfilm announced the screening last week on its Web site (www.starwars.com), and word spread online. "A special treat for the fans that have been checking the Web site regularly," Lucasfilm spokeswoman Jeanne Cole explained. The trailer was expected to give a boost to weekend movie ticket sales when it went into wide release late last week.

Since the advance screening was given in only 26 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, some fans drove to other cities to catch the trailer, and even stayed for multiple screenings. It was shown both before and after Universal's *Meet Joe Black*, Disney's *The Waterboy* and 20th Century Fox's *The Siege*.

Theaters were chosen for their screen size and digital sound equipment, according to Tom Sherak, chairman of the 20th Century Fox Domestic Film Group. Theater owners had to splice the trailer to both ends of the features. (Trailers used to run after the feature was over, hence the name.)

"The true test of a fan is to stay to the end of the credits to watch the second trailer," said Chitwood, who sat through *The Waterboy*, which he had already seen, in Houston.

Chitwood is co-founder of theforce.net, one of the leading fan Web sites. Another site, jedinet.com, posted stills from the trailer taken by a fan who took a camera into the theater.

On such a day of elation for him and his kind, Chitwood struck a more somber note by reaching out to the less fortunate. "I feel sorry for the people in Europe and Australia that have to wait to see the trailer," he said. "I really feel bad." (The Washington Post)

New life for Beethoven violin sonatas

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In the press material accompanying Anne-Sophie Mutter's four-disc album of the entire Beethoven violin sonatas (*Beethoven: The Violin Sonatas – Anne-Sophie Mutter and Lambert Orkis*, Deutsche Grammophon 457 619-2) we read that "Anne-Sophie Mutter is the first female violinist in the Western world to record all Beethoven's sonatas. It is a privilege reserved primarily for her male colleagues that has inspired her to produce performances which in their idiosyncratic and restless grandeur are superbly at one with the spirit of these works."

Yet, although written by one of Germany's leading music critics for this purpose, one could very easily add that this superb quote is a mere understatement. Because this new recording is much more, it is without any doubt one of the most exciting, penetrating and intellectually gripping discs to be released recently.

It is a journey of one of today's most beguiling musicians into a land not many have previously tackled in such intensity. It is a performance that leaves one in awe of the performer and the music alike.

It is a recording that makes one admire Mutter not only for her flawless compelling artistry but even more so for her sincere human and humane musicianship and her ability to combine the intellectual and the emotional in a seemingly obvious way that very few musicians succeed in.

Anne-Sophie Mutter combines the intellectual and the emotional.

Listening to the four hours and 20 minutes of this album is an experience one must absorb in one take. Granted each sonata is perfectly performed by its own right, showcasing the extraordinary talent and absorption of Mutter. But the point here is to savor the entire cycle as a whole and to follow the sonatas' development from their very beginning.

This is the only way to comprehend the power of the Kreutzer (the ninth) sonata, which here receives what is probably the most round, fullest, penetrating and at the same time passionate reading in a long time.

Mutter is an extraordinary musician. She is one of the finest violinists of our generation, a protegee of Herbert von Karajan and one of the leading stars of the Deutsche Grammophon label, who records at least one new album per year ranging from the classics to the very modern. Each Mutter recording and performance is reason enough for celebration.

She is never the conventional, always looking deep into the music, never showcasing her own virtuoso abilities – which are quite amazing to say the least – always serving the music and presenting a very specific interpretation of it.

When we hear Mutter play the first notes of the first Beethoven sonata we wonder a little because there is a maturity in the presentation that does not coincide immediately with the rather early and youthful sonata. But as we move from one sonata to another we at once realize that even in the first sonata Mutter sees the whole picture. For her the first sonata is not a mere youthful work; it is the beginning of a journey that ends with the final sonata, a journey in which each step leads logically to the next.

One could focus on each of the 10 sonatas in order to reveal how Mutter relives the musical and the emotional life of the music and the composer through these works. But suffice it to say that with the excellent partnership of her regular pianist, Lambert Orkis, Mutter presents here one of the most extraordinary musical feats of recent times.

The four discs are accompanied by a first-rate booklet with numerous photographs of Mutter and Orkis in action. Mutter dedicated this set to the memory of her husband, Dr. Detlef Wunderlich. Her motto for the album is that "music and creative arts are as important as the air we breathe. We need this nourishment for the spirit and the soul."

19 local movie projects receive green light

By HELEN KAYE

Nineteen film projects chosen from 131 proposals will share NIS 1.25 million, the New Foundation for Cinema and Television announced earlier this week.

Nine of these are script developments, most of whose authors are getting NFCT support for the first time. The rest of the money is divided among six productions and four post-productions.

Of the nine chosen for script development, six are documentaries "chosen not because they're cheaper to do than dramas – although they are – but because this time the documentaries were better than the suggested dramas," said NFCT coordinator Ayelet Kafri.

The script projects include *The People of Kyustendil*, on how the people of Bulgaria saved their Jews; a profile of Israeli journalist Amira Hess; *From Zion to Soweto*, the story of Ethiopian Jews and reggae; and *Arlosoroff 4*, one of the three dramas, which will tell the stories of four generations of women.

The productions are all documentaries, whose subject matter ranges from *Heart of the Country* – a year in the life of a family by Michal Aviad, the creator of last year's bewitching *Jenny and Jenny* – to a down-and-dirty look at life aboard a diamond miners' ship moored off the coast of Namibia, called *Rust and Diamonds*, created by filmmakers still in their twenties.

The money, which comes from the Arts and Culture Authority, is a drop in the bucket, like the rest of this country's film funding, but the bill which would create independent sources of funding for our faltering film industry is still in committee, close to a year after it passed its preliminary reading.

Israeli Film Academy general manager Ilana Sharon says, however, "that it usually takes from two to three years to get a bill passed. I have to say that the committee is doing its best to expedite passage of this bill into law."

NEWS of the muse

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

A Bach bonanza

The renowned Bach Collegium of Japan makes its Israeli debut from January 20 to 24 with Bach's *St. John Passion*, a program of Bach cantatas and Handel's *Messiah*. The ensemble will perform at the new Heichal Hatarbut in Rishon Lezion which is scheduled to open next month. On the same dates another leading Bach ensemble, the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Choir, will make its Israeli debut at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

Argentinian tango on its way

The Astor Piazzolla Foundation in Buenos Aires is sending its internationally famous quintet to Israel next month (December 7 to 12) for a nationwide series of concerts devoted to the exhilarating tango music of Piazzolla, one of Argentina's greatest composers.

Liturgica extravaganza

The 1998 Liturgica Festival (December 17 to January 10) organized by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, IBA, features 14 different programs including Britten's monumental *War Requiem*, an organ recital at the beautiful Dormition Abbey, an evening of world music by Bustan Avraham, and a special gala concert commemorating the 60th anniversary of the JSO that features a world premiere by Jerusalem composer Yinam Leef and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Choirs from Germany and soloists from all over the world will gather in Jerusalem for this annual celebration of sacred choral music, and orchestras will play masses and requiems by Gounod, Faure, Haydn, Schubert and other composers.

Shohat performs in Europe

Gil Shohat's works will be performed in two European cities in the near future. In Germany next week, Noam Sheriff will conduct the Bochum Symphony Orchestra in a program of Israeli music featuring Paul Ben-Haim's first symphony, his own *Akeda* and Shochat's Concertino for Violin (soloist Erez Ofer). Also next week, but in London, pianist Tal Weismann will perform Shohat's piano music at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Helicon collections strike gold

Helicon's *Shall We Dance* album, a two-disc compilation of some of the most exciting dance-music excerpts (sold for the price of one), has reached the gold category after selling more than 20,000 copies in only a few months. Helicon has also recently reissued the first album of its First Classics collection (which already sold more than 10,000 copies) that features 26 classical hits by Orff, Mozart, Schubert, Rodrigo, Grieg, Shostakovich, Bizet, Offenbach and many other composers.

Classic discs for children

Katom ("Orange") is a new double disc of classical music excerpts in special arrangements for children. Produced by Ofer Webman and Eli Zik, the idea behind this new album is to make classical music more friendly to young audiences. The $100,000 production, which uses high-tech equipment to replace the cello and viola with softer instruments like the classical guitar and flute, cerainly showcases the the producers' technical abilities. Although this isn't exactly authentic, it might prove to be a successful experiment.

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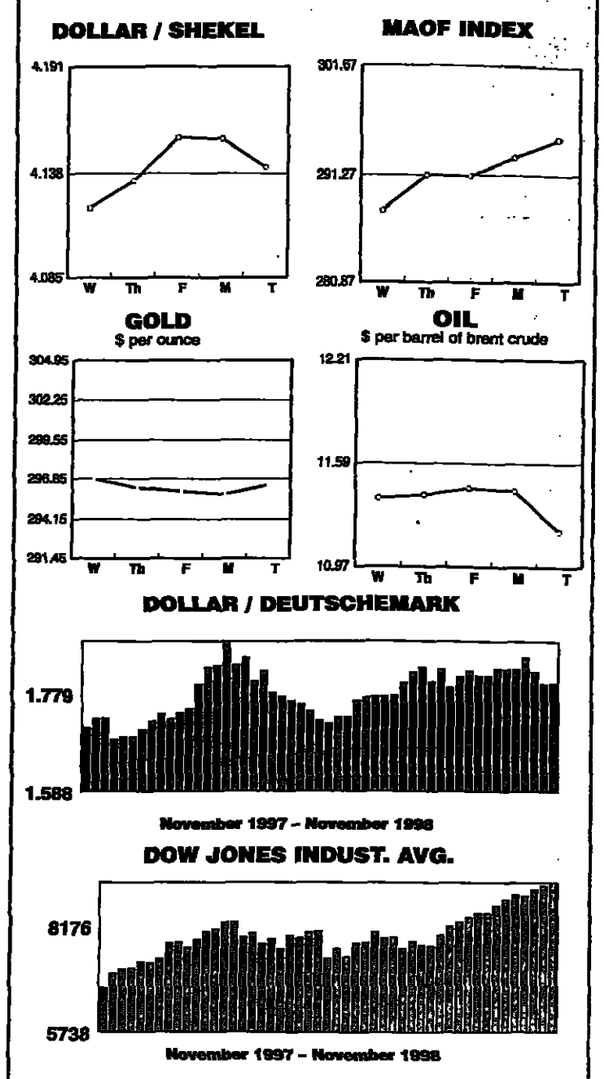

Employment Service warns of many more jobless

The unemployment figures for November will show a sharp rise, Employment Service director-general Moshe Dimri warned yesterday.

"On the basis of ongoing statistics, thousands of workers are joining the unemployment cycle this month," he said.

Service figures suggest some 20 factories are on the verge of closure, most of them in the North. Dimri said among them they employ thousands, whose jobs have either been terminated or are at serious risk. The problem is further exacerbated by news that job availability is not increasing. In light of the latest macroeconomic indicators, which include a jobless rate upward of 9 percent, Dimri asked that the service be given additional resources to allow for the creation of jobs.

David Zev Harris

After Netscape purchase: AOL can take on Microsoft

By TED BRIDIS

WASHINGTON (AP) – America Online's purchase of Netscape for $4.21 billion yesterday cements the company's position as a superpower in the high-tech world, giving it remarkable reach and enough influence to challenge industry giant Microsoft's dominance in key areas.

"The acquisition of Netscape is a big step forward for AOL that will greatly accelerate our business momentum," chairman Steve Case said. "Netscape has played a key role in helping consumers benefit from the enormous power of the Internet, and we share the same mission."

AOL becomes the world's largest Internet provider, the distributor of Netscape's hugely popular browser software, and the owner of two of the four most popular sites on the Web. Netscape's site alone draws 20 million visitors each month. The other three most popular sites are operated by AOL, Microsoft, and Yahoo!.

A Washington public-interest group run by Ralph Nader, the Consumer Project on Technology, promised to protest any AOL-Netscape deal. The group's director, Jamie Love, said its opposition in part stems from the market for Internet software – generally split among Netscape and Microsoft – already being too concentrated.

It also objected because many of the nation's hundreds of private Internet providers currently distribute Netscape's browser for licensing fees. Under the deal, those providers would indirectly be funding AOL, among their greatest rivals, by paying it fees for Netscape's software.

The alliance poses new competition for Microsoft, whose own business tactics against Netscape were so aggressive that the government is suing Microsoft for alleged antitrust violations.

Microsoft's Internet software competes against Netscape's, and its Microsoft Network online service rivals AOL, although MSN has been far less successful.

Although AOL considers Microsoft its rival, it agreed in March 1996 to incorporate Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser, not Netscape's, into the software for its 14 million subscribers. In exchange, Microsoft included AOL's software within its dominant Windows operating system. That agreement ends in January.

Analysts were divided whether AOL might jeopardize its placement within Windows by now distributing Netscape's software to its customers. That move could restore Netscape's share of the browser market to its highest levels since Microsoft began its full-court competition.

"It seems to me pretty clear, if this deal happens, that AOL customers will be seeing a very strong marketing of the Netscape browser to them," said Gens. "If Netscape and AOL get together, AOL and Microsoft's friendship will be cold and somewhat short-lived."

German stocks slip

A trader gestures while ordering during yesterday's morning session on the Frankfurt stock exchange. Shares slipped amid concern they looked expensive after weeks of gains. (Reuters)

Estimate: Jordan-Israel trade up 36%

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Trade between Israel and Jordan will reach $45 million this year, a 36.1 percent increase over last year, according to officials at the Industry and Trade Ministry. Exports will total some $30m., compared to $20m. last year, while imports will show a 25% rise over 1997's $12m.

Since official trading began with Jordan some three years ago, the percentage increases have been sizable but in real terms, trade has not blossomed. This has been in line with most of the original predictions. In 1994, a Bank of Israel report suggested trade volume would remain small for five–10 years, even under free-trade conditions. The study, written by Arye Arnon and Jimmy Weinblatt of the research department, suggested Jordanian exports would have to compete with those from the Palestinian Authority.

During Monday's Amman meeting between Israeli and Jordanian ministers, progress was made in terms of bilateral trade and in trading between Jordan and the PA. The principle advance was the sides' agreement to establish two new free-trade zones that would qualify for special tax status with the US, once America gives its consent. The zones will be established the Jordan Gateway Project, just south of Beit She'an and at Mafraq, while the existing zone at Irbid will be extended by 200 dunams (50 acres).

"These are two additional opportunities for Israeli companies to take on cheap labor," said one Israeli official who attended the gathering.

Bill would create central bank board

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The Knesset Finance Committee is this morning scheduled to discuss a private members' bill which calls for the creation of a board of governors for the Bank of Israel.

The bill, proposed by Avraham Shohat (Labor) and other MKs, was countered by a proposal from the central bank itself, which called for the establishment of a monetary board.

While Likud MKs have already pledged to support Shohat's scheme, the government has committed itself to voting against the program, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said in April last year.

As far as the central bank is concerned, the monetary board should be part of a wider reform of the Bank of Israel Law, which was passed in 1954.

Frenkel is also expected to discuss the economy in general at the meeting, which precedes by four days a key cabinet meeting on the economy.

The cabinet meeting will center on the possible need to revise the 1999 inflation target, currently set at four percent.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky yesterday spoke at the committee, once again making his opposition to the central bank's monetary policy clear.

He is one of those leading the campaign within the cabinet in favor of a board of governors.

"The heavy price Israel has paid in terms of growth and unemployment in order to achieve a pretentious inflation target reflects the need to deal with the central inflation issue with alternative tools and not via high real-terms interest rates," said Sharansky.

BIRD: Niche markets can stunt growth

By NICKY BLACKBURN

Local start-ups should focus on long-term growth of infrastructure if they are to succeed, Dov Hershberg, executive director of the BIRD foundation, which matches Israeli start-ups with US investors, said yesterday.

He said he fears that many small companies' focus on providing niche solutions for global players is having a detrimental impact on their growth potential.

"Young Israeli start-ups are focusing too much on niche markets, looking for quick success. It's an easy solution based on the need of global leaders to get access to third parties that will provide specific applications that will suit their own chore competency."

The result of this, he said, is that once the companies provide the solution, they are either bought out or disappear.

"In the past, this model has worked, but it can't continue to survive," he said.

"There is an assumption that you can create a company based on a few very talented people coming from the military industries or from university. But you can't plan on being able to supply these ingenious young people forever.

"When start-ups follow this model they are not productive for 30-40 years. Instead, the entrepreneurs who set them up either grow with the outfit that bought them, or go into different fields."

He said that today young companies should try to build their own management and infrastructure, as investors are becoming increasingly selective about the start-ups they choose to work with.

"People want companies that are better built," he said. "It's emerging today that to be successful, even in the first project, it's important to be able to show signs that you can build in the long run. It gives you more points and increases your chances of success."

Clal Industries 3rd quarter net surges 230% to NIS 52.8m.

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Clal Industries and Investments yesterday reported that third quarter net profit surged 230 percent to NIS 52.8 million from NIS 16m. a year ago. The holding company attributed the improved results to the successful reorganization process in some of its subsidiaries.

Net profit for the first nine months of the year rose 101% to NIS 201.5m. from NIS 95.9m. a year earlier. Sales of the company's subsidiaries rose to NIS 8.74 billion from NIS 8.41b. The company said the results were affected by improvements in its main subsidiaries – including Nesher, the cement monopoly jointly held by Clal and Koor Industries, which showed improved profitability.

In addition, ECI Telecom, in which Clal holds a 20% stake, reported last month that third quarter net profit before provision for a one-time charge rose 33% to NIS 171m. Clal's profits were also affected by rising profitability in its textile subsidiaries Kitan and Polgat, an increase in revenues of American Israel Paper Mills and lower losses at Barak, the long distance phone services provider.

General Bank's net drops 48%

Israel General Bank yesterday reported that third quarter net profit fell 48.2% to NIS 3.04m.

The bank, which specializes in the areas of private banking and financial markets, attributed the decline to the impact of the consumer price index's calculation method, saying that if this impact was neutralized net income would have grown by 81.3% to NIS 5.49m. Net profit for the first nine months of the year fell 24.5% to NIS 11.7m. from NIS 15.4m.

Provision for doubtful debt fell to NIS 640,000 from NIS 3.5m., while operational income rose 10.3% to NIS 50m. from NIS 45.3m.

Jerusalem Bank net down 23%

Jerusalem Bank said net profit for the first nine months of the year fell 23% to NIS 8.4m.

The mortgage bank, which recently received a commercial license from the Bank of Israel, said that its results were affected by the impact of the consumer price index's calculation method. Without this, net profit would have risen by 4% to NIS 10.4m., the bank said.

Indigo, Hewlett-Packard sign strategic alliance

By NICKY BLACKBURN

Digital print company Indigo yesterday announced a strategic technical alliance with the multinational Hewlett-Packard company to explore future products and markets.

The collaboration, which teams Israel's leading innovator in high-speed digital color printing with the world's largest provider of computing, Internet, and intranet solutions, will combine their respective technologies in new markets

The agreement is seen as a major endorsement for Indigo, which has been experiencing serious problems over the last three years.

"In an industry that has been moving into camps and alliances, Indigo has the most powerful ally anyone could have," said Benny Landa, Indigo's chairman and CEO. "In the short term, the association with HP is a seal of approval. Everyone wants a winner and when HP decides a company is a good investment that's clearly very positive. In the long term, if cooperation yields products it will lead to [enhanced] financial revenues."

Landa said that the potential market for an Indigo-HP collaboration is huge. "The commercial printing market worldwide is worth some $500 billion a year and it relies predominantly on mechanical printing. The potential for digital printing is enormous. This is a market that small companies on their own cannot capture."

Joel S. Birnbaum, senior vice president and director of HP laboratories, said: "HP has evaluated the Indigo technology... and concluded that it is superior to current competing technologies with respect to image quality, speed, and cost per page."

The agreement with HP comes toward the end of a busy period for Indigo, which [illegible] the Netherlands [illegible] operations in Israel.

Clal's new strategy bears fruit

By DAN GERSTENFELD

When Rimon Ben-Sahoul entered his job as Clal Industries and Investments president and CEO 18 months ago, he promised to make the conservative holding company more flexible and dynamic.

One of the first promises he made was that he intended to increase Clal's investments in high-tech companies with plans to sell them in the future for a higher price. The announcement stood in clear contrast to Clal's traditional policy of focusing on long-term investments by acquiring control of companies.

The benefits of the new strategy became clear yesterday, when Clal Electronic Industries, a subsidiary of Clal Industries, announced that it completed the sale of its 7.6 percent stake in Gilat Satellite Networks, which $20.6m.

The company said it sold its remaining 3.5% stake in Gilat for NIS 83 million. It added that, following the deal, it is expected to record a capital gain of about NIS 44m. Earlier this month, Clal announced that it sold Gilat shares for NIS 88m., a capital gain of NIS 43m.

The stake in Gilat was acquired earlier this year after the company's shares fell some 40% on fears of the possible impact of the global financial turmoil.

Earlier this month, Ben-Sahoul told *The Jerusalem Post* that unlike other financial investments made by the company, Clal was originally interested in keeping its stake in Gilat, but after the share's price more than doubled, the company decided to take a profit.

According to him, the shares were acquired for an average price of $23.70 and were sold for

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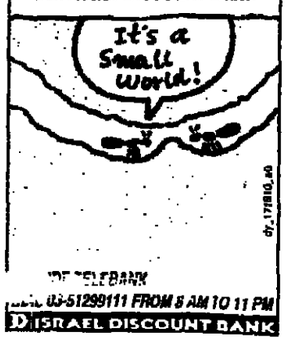

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Fired Hollywood execs hit jackpot

Tinseltown's multimillion dollar severance packages reek of corporate waste

By MICHAEL A. HILTZIK and CLAUDIA ELLER

HOLLYWOOD – What's the surest way for top Hollywood executives to get rich quick? Get fired.

That's the lesson taught most recently by the case of Frank Biondi Jr., whose ouster this week as chairman and chief executive of Universal Studios is expected to net him a severance package valued at around $30 million in cash. For Biondi, it is the second such settlement in the last three years, following a more than $15m. payout when he was fired from Viacom Inc.

The champion of Hollywood executives to leave a top job with an eye-popping golden handshake remains former talent agent Michael Ovitz, who ended an ill-starred 14-month term as president of Walt Disney Co. with a cash and stock package currently worth about $130m.

Another dramatic payout is certain to go to former Disney Studios Chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg, who has won a lawsuit entitling him to damages for his 1994 ouster and is now negotiating a settlement that could run to hundreds of millions of dollars.

But dozens of other top-level executives, including operating division heads who would be considered relatively low-ranking officers in most other industries, have carried off seven- or eight-figure severance deals after being terminated.

Even though some of these packages are confidential or difficult to value, it is clear that Hollywood has doled out more than a half-billion dollars in severance to high ranking executives just over the last few years, when a ferocious round of mergers in the entertainment industry has made top-level management reshufflings even more conspicuous than usual.

To the average working American, this does little to change Hollywood's reputation as a center of greed, frivolity and excess. And for shareholders of the major entertainment companies, lavish severance payments are becoming an increasingly hot issue because of their aura of corporate waste.

Disney's payout to Ovitz, who had been granted a five-year contract and touted as a sterling corporate catch, provoked outbursts from shareholders at the 1997 annual meeting in Anaheim, as well as a shareholder lawsuit that is still wending its way through the courts.

Biondi's severance is certain to irk shareholders of Seagram Co., Universal Studio's Canadian parent. "We'd like management to explain how this benefits us," remarked Tom Gunn, senior vice president of investments at the Ontario (Canada) Municipal Employees Retirement System, the holder of about 4.5 million Seagram shares.

EXECUTIVE severance clauses are common in virtually every industry, but several elements set Hollywood apart. For one thing, management talent is in short supply – so executives with proven track records have an exceptional ability to write their own tickets.

"It's a question of supply and demand," says Bertram Fields, one of Hollywood's most powerful attorneys. "Very few people are qualified to run a studio. It's a very short list, and everybody on that list is generally making a lot of money doing something else, so you have to pay a lot to get them."

What rankles compensation experts and shareholder-rights advocates about the richest severance deals is the absence of so-called "mitigation" and "offset" clauses that require the recipient to actively seek new employment and that reduce the payout if he or she finds another comparable job within a reasonable period.

Some observers say that is a serious cost in the entertainment business, where ousted executives often find new employment within months or weeks. In Hollywood it is almost an article of faith that fired executives don't fade away – they just turn up elsewhere.

Biondi had been fired as chief executive at Home Box Office in 1984 before taking a top entertainment job at Coca-Cola and then being hired as Viacom's No. 2.

"Hollywood contracts aren't set up to deal with the fact that it's easy to foresee that the executive is likely to leave before the contract term," says Steven Schulman, an attorney with the firm of Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes & Lerach, who brought the suit against Disney for the Ovitz severance. "It's quite spendthrift." (A Delaware judge last month rejected Schulman's challenge, but his ruling is being appealed.)

But others say the mobility of top executives is exactly what makes severance clauses so important to them.

"I've been at meetings at Universal and CBS where the new head of production starts his first meeting with the words, 'While I am here...,' " says Stephen Unger, managing partner of the worldwide entertainment and communications practice of Heidrick & Struggles, the multinational executive search firm.

Given such a mind-set, Unger says, it is almost inevitable that "when people negotiate their (employment) deals they spend the most time not on the function of their job, but on what will they get paid if and when they're fired."

YET Hollywood sometimes rewards executives more for failure than for success. One celebrated recent example is when ousted Sony Pictures chairman Peter Guber was granted a lucrative production deal at the studio at the same time it was posting a $3.2 billion loss.

In many cases the risk of failure is even specifically anticipated in an executive's contract.

Ovitz, for example, prenegotiated an exit package guaranteeing him a huge payout if he was forced out of Disney for almost any reason before his term expired – a so-called "nonfault" clause that resembles the "pay or play" deals granted the most prominent stars and directors. The clause guarantees their fees even if they get fired from a production or if the movie gets canceled. Critics such as Schulman say such clauses often have the perverse effect of giving executives an incentive to get themselves fired.

Still, the main factor driving executive severance packages into the stratosphere today is the inclusion of stock options, which have inflated the value of many payouts in the wake of the '90's bull market.

The 3 million Disney stock options Ovitz received in his departure package were at one point worth so much that the entire package was valued at $200m. Disney stock has declined by 25 percent from its peak, however.

Similarly, the $32m. package Doug Morris got from Time Warner when he was fired as president of Warner Music US in June 1995 – some 80% of it in stock options – is today worth more than $100m., thanks to a strong run-up in Time Warner stock.

In Hollywood, stock options often work to the advantage of fired executives for an unusual reason. As important as they may be in the movie or music business, some of the best-paid executives are relatively low down in the ranks of the huge corporations they work for.

Thus, a parent company's stock may remain quite buoyant even though its record label or studio may be lagging behind its rivals.

A similar phenomenon helps account for the unparalleled value of Ovitz's severance deal. As Disney president, the former talent agent was criticized less for poor performance than for no performance: During Ovitz's 14 months as the company's putative second-in-command, Disney CEO Michael Eisner continued to run the company as a one-man show (and, shareholders thought, superbly). That kept Disney shares rising and sent the value of Ovitz's options into the stratosphere.

Yet for all the shareholder concern and public misgivings about Hollywood's methods of compensating its successful – and failed – executives, few in the industry see much potential for change, especially as long as those making the deals are concerned that they may need their own golden parachutes.

"That would require a revolution in thinking and a complete revamping of the economics of this industry," says Unger. "One studio can't say, 'We're not going to make these deals.' It would require the people at all six (major) studios to vote against their own personal interests."

(Los Angeles Times)

The Conference Circuit

By Greer Fay Cashman

Orna Rudi (Sivan Farag)

With speculation abounding as to whether he intends to embark on a political career, former chief of general staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak has meanwhile entered the world of business. He has been appointed a member of the board of directors of Yaffora and Yaffora Tavori, whose interests are primarily in refrigeration and soft drinks.

Orna Rudi is the new marketing manager for Ace Kneh Uvneh. Rudi, 38, spent the past three years as head of a client group at Tamir Cohen Advertising. For the past 13 years, she has been employed by some of the country's leading advertising agencies.

Former journalist and photographer Uri Stein has been appointed spokesperson for the Ministry of Industry and Trade. He replaces Hannah Peri, who has been put in charge of the ministry's advertising and promotions unit.

The board of directors of Qualcomm has announced the appointment of Eyal Bar-David as international vice president of Qualcomm and head of its Israel research and development center. An electronic engineer by profession, Bar-David was one of the founders of Qualcomm Israel and is regarded as one of the key figures in the company's success. During its 13 years of operation, Bar-David has served in several capacities, most recently as director of engineering.

Professor Shmaga Segal, dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Ben-Gurion University, has been named the recipient of the Paula and Samuel Alkalet prize for excellence in science in recognition of his work in cancer research. The prize, which is awarded annually by the Alkalet Foundation, is considered to be one of the most prestigious awards in medical science.

Shlomo Zafrir has been appointed by Omnitech as head of its projects, development and outsourcing department. Zafrir, 47, who has wide-ranging experience in management and computer science, was formerly the manager of Tadiran and the deputy general manager of Computrain.

Gabi Dror has been appointed general manager of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, Eilat. He replaces Doron Kathein, who has completed his term of office. Dror, 41, previously managed the Club In, Sport and Lagoona Hotels – all in Eilat. A Hebrew University alumnus, Dror has a BA in international relations and political science. He studied hotel management at the Haifa Technion.

After 10 years as sales manager for Dankner Constructions and the Marina Tower in Herzliya, Miri Bar-Ner has moved south to take up the position of sales manager for the promotion of Old Jaffa.

Miri Bar-Ner (Gideon Markowicz)

Yossi Goldstein has been promoted to general manager of Machteshim at Ramat Hovev. He previously served as production manager and before that a manager for projects and research and development.

First Pacific takes over Philippine Long Distance

MANILA – First Pacific Co., a unit of Indonesia's biggest business group, paid $750 million to take control of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., capturing three-quarters of the nation's telecommunications market.

The purchase, which took three months to complete, is one of the biggest regional acquisitions by an Asian company since economies slid into recession last year. Its architect, Manuel Pangilinan, was named president of PLDT, replacing Antonio Cojuangco, whose family controlled the company for three decades.

The nation's largest-ever corporate takeover represents a major bet by First Pacific on the Philippines, whose economy is expected to have officially slid into recession during the third quarter. First Pacific, a unit of Indonesia's Salim Group, will now have about four-fifths of its assets in the Philippines, where Pangilinan was born.

"It's done," PLDT board member Antonio Meer said in an interview. "They have taken over control."

The partnership between First Pacific and the 70-year-old phone company will create a telecommunications behemoth with 2.7 million subscribers to its fixed line and cellular services. ING Barings served as sole advisor to First Pacific in the transaction.

First Pacific paid 30 billion pesos for a 17.2 percent stake in the company, equivalent to 1,420 pesos per share.

That's a 31% premium to yesterday's closing price, in line with expectations.

It holds 5.9% directly and an additional 11.3% through a majority stake in Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp., giving it control over 27.4% of PLDT's shares.

PLDT shares fell 30 pesos to 1,055. First Pacific shares were suspended in Hong Kong.

Pangilinan called the acquisition a "milestone" in First Pacific's transformation from a diversified conglomerate into a company with interests in select Asian companies. In Hong Kong, First Pacific owns First Pacific Bank and First Pacific Davies, a real-estate concern.

"While we do not see the region's harsh economic conditions lifting any time soon, we believe the timing is right for those with a long-term perspective to begin the process of re-investing," he said.

First Pacific used cash raised through sales of businesses earlier this year, including a one-time profit of $634m. from the sale of Hagemeyer, a Dutch car and appliance maker. It has about $150m. in cash left after the PLDT investment, Pangilinan said.

"Investors like companies that try to build businesses, not just sit on their cash pile," said Philip Tulk, an analyst at Lehman Brothers in Hong Kong.

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Mutual Funds

FLEXIBLE

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Abir	235.49	234.79	+2.82	+6.60	18.0
Adar Flexible	105.80	105.56	-0.06	+5.00	25.8
Afikim Flexible	206.92	206.34	+3.66	+0.07	13.3
Ahrayut Flexible	464.25	456.08	+1.77	-9.11	2.2
Alomot Flexible	106.95	105.14	+1.45	—	9.5
Analyst Deversified	805.59	766.76	+4.01	+8.73	62.6
Apex Flexible	187.02	186.44	+1.35	+20.14	49.0
Arximedes	99.01	97.15	+2.60	+3.58	1.2
Avuka	1667.40	1661.96	+3.94	-1.00	4.6
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	223.04	218.45	+3.99	+5.69	27.7
Clal Flexible	1131.93	1128.49	+3.06	-1.40	4.4
Dikla Marrom	256.65	255.05	+1.49	-3.26	21.6
Dikla Meirav	182.19	181.74	+2.88	+1.05	10.0
Dikla Mokad	3371.18	3344.61	-0.35	+0.19	70.8
Dovrat Shrem Flexible	167.61	164.15	+4.77	-7.78	24.5
Emda Kli	3799.37	3761.56	+2.67	-4.81	26.8
Epsilon Flexible	155.94	155.40	-0.47	-0.01	9.6
Evergreen Flexible	113.66	112.95	+2.30	-7.12	7.6
Excellence Flexible	3262.17	3220.27	+0.89	+11.35	8.0
Gaf'or Flexible	100.18	99.98	+0.03	-1.32	1.7
Igud Bonds	109.63	109.13	-0.72	+4.68	4.9
Igud Flexible	170.53	169.43	+8.01	+5.43	15.4
Igud Shikli	144.24	144.24	-0.67	+10.55	270.0
Ilanot 30 Plus	147.06	146.36	+3.82	-4.35	2.5
Ilanot 90	244.00	242.84	+3.33	-3.27	20.9
Ilanot Shikim Atid	2495.84	2495.84	-0.34	—	5.1
Ilanot Tidhar	3262.00	3253.87	+3.07	+0.88	66.2
Kivun Flexible	119.70	118.63	+2.21	-1.85	5.6
Lahak Duhifat	747.25	734.33	+0.97	+0.19	64.2
Lamashkia	—				6.0
Lapid	1509.44	1509.44	+3.74	-5.94	4.4
Maofim Bonds	107.17	106.15	-0.65		8.9
Maofim Flexible	136.80	134.27	+0.13	-2.31	9.5
Maritime Flexible Fund	98.05	98.23	+5.49	+8.31	9.7
Meitav Flexible	171.29	169.53	+2.15	+8.88	3.0
Models Flexible	110.34	108.17	+3.71	-2.49	13.8
Models Teuza	98.27	97.01	+3.48	+2.43	4.5
Moritz Money Market	143.84	143.84	+0.17	+9.09	12.8
Nesua Zanex Flexible	2453.43	2440.10	+1.88	-5.05	9.4
Netz	82.81	82.55	-5.45	-32.58	0.3
Noga	940.90	929.33	+0.61	+8.98	46.6
Omer Pekan	187.98	184.67	+2.73	-6.70	16.4
Otzar Flexible	108.14	108.28	+3.38	+6.99	4.3
Pekan Saar Flexible Fund	207.50	208.86	+2.14	+7.85	192.1
Pia Hayovel	223.94	222.20	+3.01	+11.06	46.1
Pia Kela	942.37	937.68	+1.81	+4.28	263.8
Psagot Gamish	556.47	548.56	+3.46	-3.05	123.0
Psagot Megama	330.74	328.13	+3.36	-1.57	67.0
Ramco Flexible	189.33	187.17	-0.61	+11.15	6.3
Saar Flexible	227.35	224.87	+0.10	+3.56	2.9
Sigma Flexible	94.24	93.29	+4.41	-6.62	7.5
Sivan	264.85	261.92	+1.23	+0.48	54.9
Telescope	109.33	109.09	+1.69	-19.39	1.1
Yaad Flexible	101.69	100.74	+1.51	+0.97	4.7
Yesodot	3034.63	2980.92	+1.71	-1.41	29.6
Zeller Flexible	79.69	78.86	+0.43	-15.16	3.4
Zion Flexible	12142.60	12111.32	-3.63	-14.13	8.8

SHARES

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Adif Pekan	115.18	113.15	+2.17	-1.54	27.4
Afikim Shares	279.56	278.01	+1.35	-0.50	12.4
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	140.96	138.16	+6.02	-10.34	1.5
Ahrayut Real Estate	210.08	205.91	+1.81	-6.70	6.7
Ahrayut Shares	303.47	298.12	+1.57	-8.33	2.5
Alomot Growth	92.49	90.88	+4.16	—	1.0
Analyst Aggressive	161.64	157.88	+4.01	+5.88	50.5
Analyst Equity	1287.74	1257.90	+3.66	+8.26	133.9
Analyst Industries	398.20	389.05	+3.59	+7.62	52.9
Apex Shares	120.91	120.48	+2.95	+20.88	15.8
Atlas Pekan	—	—		—	30.0
Baron	217.80	213.69	+4.40	-0.87	10.5
Bloch Rotstein Shares	117.01	114.65	+8.00	+14.83	11.8
Capital Shares	99.38	98.11	+8.60	+7.55	2.3
Chemical Pekan	127.48	125.25	+8.39	+6.80	5.4
Clal Maof	239.13	237.50	+4.71	-3.24	11.7
Clal Shares & Conv.	153.62	153.19	+5.01	+3.29	1.7
Dikla Maagal	95.70	94.95	+5.66	-8.12	10.2
Dikla Madad Maof	204.18	203.09	+4.02	-2.23	89.3
Dikla Meratz	516.27	512.28	+4.90	-2.11	58.1
Dikla Mittan	99.56	98.82	+4.10	-18.87	14.8
Dikla Migzar Finance	115.95	115.06	+1.90	-7.81	25.7
Dikla Mifud 30	67.30	66.78	+5.00	-8.08	27.6
Dikla Mivneh	343.39	340.74	+2.47	-4.51	22.5
Dikla Mondial	—	—		—	18.9
Dikla Mor	1535.00	1523.11	+5.06	-2.25	78.5
Dovrat Shrem 100	106.50	104.32	+7.16	-4.71	10.5
Dovrat Shrem Yeter	118.23	115.81	+6.35	-7.08	7.3
Emda Export	84.27	83.44	+5.86	-1.35	8.1
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	6.8
Emda Maof	212.63	211.08	+4.44	-2.15	35.0
Emda Paz	179.45	177.69	+4.05	-2.12	10.4
Emda Shalhevet	158.55	157.37	+3.98	-1.87	11.5
Emda T-A 100	2006.67	1987.67	+4.40	-1.07	48.5
Emda Yeter	1514.39	1498.81	+2.27	-9.28	19.5
Epsilon 36	101.67	101.33	+0.38	+0.30	23.1
Epsilon Shares	177.53	176.96	+0.29	-3.59	12.4
Epsilon Technologies	—	—		—	10.6
Eraz Pekan	355.94	349.56	+5.49	+6.02	145.8
Esh	573.96	582.50	+5.00	-8.43	1.9
Evergreen High Tech.	—				9.9
Evergreen Shares	151.98	150.72	+1.13	-5.94	14.7
Excellence Agresive	272.04	269.09	+4.30	+12.91	8.5
Excellence Shares	643.41	640.16	+3.34	+11.84	7.5
Eyal Shares	126.66	126.66	+2.56	-5.94	5.7
Gal	116.69	115.21	+3.91	+0.62	13.0
Hon Pekan	98.99	97.25	+1.04	-12.60	46.3
Igud Maof	98.33	93.05	+5.00	-2.07	6.0
Igud Shares	150.60	149.77	+2.88	+2.15	8.3
Igud Yeter	100.92	100.43	+3.41	-7.34	4.5
Ilanot Caramim	155.17	154.34	+1.21	-8.87	58.4
Ilanot Communication	106.10	105.60	+2.62	-2.25	50.9
Ilanot Dekel	3044.61	3029.88	+4.37	-3.28	87.5
Ilanot Finance	86.38	85.93	+0.55	-9.26	10.8
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	11.5
Ilanot Maof	201.64	200.71	+4.49	-1.83	61.3
Ilanot Nadlan	1435.50	1428.45	+2.04	—	27.7
Ilanot Nimrazot	74.26	73.91	+0.41	-13.69	4.9
Ilanot Shares	4680.65	4656.83	+3.58	-7.35	7.9
Ilanot Shchakim	50.31	50.03	+2.37	-13.56	19.1
Ilanot Sheeak	901.37	896.76	+4.11	-1.69	100.7
Ilanot T-A 100	2729.20	2709.46	+4.46	-2.46	64.9
Israel America	—				0.9
Kohav Pekan	171.72	168.67	+4.64	+1.58	87.4
Koor Money Market	135.00	135.00	+0.23	+8.67	205.0
Koor Shares	93.65	92.46	+6.59	-0.42	8.9
Lahak Agresivit Plus	76.82	75.49	+3.85	-13.75	15.7
Lahak Ankor	820.88	802.54	+4.30	-5.41	30.8
Lahak Dividends	331.13	330.24	+3.84	+7.94	55.6
Lahak Menayot 30	95.02	94.76	+4.20	—	38.1
Lahak Menayot Yeter	97.03	96.26	-0.42	-14.49	16.9
Lahak Nadlan	126.04	125.81	+3.51	-2.38	27.2
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—				15.6
Lahak Tor 100	426.21	416.75	+4.06	-2.43	66.8
Lahak Yateu	76.60	76.38	+5.94	+2.65	31.9
Lahak Zamir	794.46	780.54	+4.30	-4.16	50.0
Maala Maof Pekan	183.88	180.63	+4.39	-3.59	57.1
Magic	260.36	255.77	+1.75	-1.96	7.5
Meitav High Tech	—				1.8
Meitav Options	45.72	45.02	+1.35	+8.22	10.3
Meitav Shares	216.42	214.19	+1.47	+4.81	5.5
Meitav Teuza	112.82	111.47	+0.72	+1.68	4.9
Mercazit Carim Maniv	53.41	59.26	-1.08	+19.73	1.0
Mercazit Maof	187.56	187.17	+4.88	-4.05	2.1
Mercazit TA 100	245.96	245.17	+3.32	-5.96	2.7
Mertingall Dynamic	108.62	108.47	+0.72	-8.69	15.9
Nechia Continental	58.21	57.16	+4.31	-0.26	11.0
Nesua Zanex Shares	441.57	438.92	+2.26	-2.03	6.2
Nil T-A 100	1029.25	1016.15	+3.45	-0.37	17.4
Omega	121.22	119.08	+2.86	-2.51	1.6
Otzar Foreign Int. Par.	153.62	151.14	+1.84	+6.60	2.2
Otzar Shares	119.41	117.35	+3.20	+5.81	6.1
Otzar Yeter	86.01	84.52	+2.40	-3.54	4.0
Pekan T-A 100	159.78	159.33	+3.72	-1.12	59.9
Pia 2000	93.50	91.83	+4.75	+0.48	19.4
Pia Bdolach T-A 100	994.02	976.55	+2.36	-2.10	74.6
Pia Marof	127.71	125.44	+4.05	-3.06	35.7
Pia Maof	195.21	191.77	+3.61	-2.05	69.9
Pia Michlol	825.14	810.55	+2.63	+4.38	129.5
Pia Odim	1240.44	1233.66	+2.57	+4.79	152.9
Pia Otzma	—				32.7
Pia Yahalom	1107.39	1087.66	+2.29	+4.83	61.5
Pia Zinuk	64.34	63.21	+2.49	+1.18	30.9
Prizza	—				0.5
Psagot 20	83.27	81.80	+6.65	—	110.0
Psagot AL	74.21	72.89	+3.07	-14.36	22.0
Psagot Focus	108.40	107.81	+6.12	-0.39	76.0
Psagot High Tech	—				38.0
Psagot Mabat Leshalom	133.18	130.80	+4.87	+2.55	35.0
Psagot Manayot	843.90	828.97	+5.80	-0.72	135.0
Psagot T-A 100	370.81	368.76	+5.63	+0.83	193.0
Psagot Yeter	183.09	179.85	+2.58	-2.69	40.0
Reem 90	115.69	113.64	-0.67	-22.59	4.5
Sigma Niveral	154.75	152.68	+5.19	—	3.1
Simodan Shares & Conv.	70.67	69.50	+3.05	-14.39	0.5
Singer Barnea Financial	110.18	108.24	+1.31	-3.52	0.5
Singer Barnea Shmura	139.50	139.06	+5.17	-2.05	1.9
Tamir Fishman Tamiha	—				8.6
Tsuot Sula	152.73	151.87	+3.28	+5.74	22.6
Yaar	31.04	30.85	-5.72	-37.90	0.2
Zik	320.96	320.13	+2.92	-9.07	2.7
Zion Shares	135.85	134.50	+4.03	-9.57	2.4
Zion Yeter	79.20	78.96	+1.88	-16.52	3.1

STATE BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Ahrayut State Bonds	471.37	465.55	-0.58	+6.66	7.2
Almog Pekan	284.76	279.71	-1.84	+3.01	109.4
Analyst Government Bonds	431.08	425.54	-0.75	+9.59	31.7
Clal Dotan	1306.51	1302.98	-1.16	+5.61	5.5
Clal State Bonds	487.25	485.91	-1.17	+1.67	11.1
Dikla Marom	6625.20	6578.22	-1.14	+7.34	34.0
Dikla Mivtah	1842.62	1828.53	-2.02	+9.68	60.6
Ducas	268.06	267.39	+0.06	+9.11	15.7
Emda Government Bond	1171.69	1162.49	-0.85	+6.30	74.5
Emda Leshem	1503.87	1489.05	-0.80	+2.75	29.9
Emda Sella	1444.27	1433.71	-0.71	+5.27	50.4
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	218.39	217.71	-1.06	+9.79	20.0
Geva	495.57	490.37	-0.16	+6.76	90.1
Hilla Pekan	579.67	579.67	-1.40	+8.36	611.9
Ilanot Egoz	1254.28	1248.60	-1.41	+10.54	86.1
Ilanot Tapuah	710.35	707.29	-1.47	+3.72	44.7
Ilanot Tapuz	1136.68	1131.87	-0.04	+5.66	104.3
Lahak Eroni	569.16	567.64	-1.10	+3.19	54.5
Lahak Shahaf	149.81	147.22	+0.13	+7.80	63.6
Lahak Snunit	739.56	737.54	-0.13	+10.68	173.1
Maritime Government Bond	186.60	184.38	+1.54	+8.56	12.9
Meitav Gov't Bonds	152.45	151.41	-1.47	+11.90	21.2
Mekorit Pekan	127.47	125.22	-1.51	+6.63	19.5
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	163.40	162.24	-1.59	+5.79	6.1
Nesua Zanex Gov't Bonds	1453.57	1447.29	-1.12	+9.28	42.7
Otzar Gov't Bonds	163.35	160.56	-0.40	+7.28	15.5
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	261.49	259.44	-0.51	—	84.4
Pia Tarshish	141.94	139.49	-1.21	+7.20	258.7
Pia Zamid	5019.42	4930.90	-1.37	+5.97	164.3
Psagot Agach	612.18	601.33	-0.19	+7.42	56.0
Psagot Maala	462.03	458.41	-0.86	+8.21	83.0
Psagot Madad	597.48	596.94	-1.08	+6.32	128.0
Shavit Pekan	782.99	789.10	-0.74	+11.09	217.4
Yaara Pekan	614.36	612.62	-1.54	+7.94	181.5
Yevul Pekan	799.50	797.19	-1.42	+8.11	199.5
Ziv	675.86	667.31	-1.36	+9.63	47.0
Zohar	546.01	539.22	-0.75	+7.32	40.5

COMPANY BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Bonds	347.24	343.09	+3.57	+3.62	41.2
Ahrayut Bonds	207.16	208.67	0.00	+4.76	4.1
Amirim	140.48	139.41	+0.22	+7.64	24.7
Analyst Corporate Bonds	307.03	301.58	+0.69	+7.28	90.8
Analyst Money Market	163.94	163.48	-0.33	+7.82	11.2
Apex Taua	154.82	154.36	-0.66	+16.06	96.1
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	170.64	168.27	+0.15	+7.71	14.7
Bond	164.97	163.79	-1.02	+1.37	8.5
Capital Bonds	158.53	157.94	-1.26	+6.45	10.1
Clal Company Debentures	218.64	217.99	+0.46	+8.52	2.9
Clal Gen' Bond Rating	110.25	109.93	-0.15	—	16.1
Clal Zmina	183.90	183.90	+0.01	+7.99	46.8
Dikla Masyan	990.04	992.98	-0.85	+8.25	52.9
Dikla Magen Plus	106.29	106.29	+0.11	—	270.9
Dikla Maskoret Plus	152.74	152.74	+0.27	+9.77	329.0
Dikla Melmad	518.20	515.02	-1.83	+19.04	53.5
Dikla Mirvah	635.56	630.55	-0.27	+3.01	22.1
Dikla Mivhar	620.69	616.20	-1.04	+10.54	48.6
Dikla Nigvan	2093.75	2079.00	-0.02	+4.74	86.1
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	176.79	174.12	+1.26	+4.76	55.1
Emda Dynamit Magen	112.70	112.70	+0.57	+7.60	46.3
Emda Halamish	157.62	156.06	-0.31	+7.10	16.1
Emda Hamara	1139.58	1129.27	+0.65	+0.04	46.1
Emda Shikli	105.05	105.05	-0.09	+7.80	880.2
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	129.20	128.84	-1.00	+2.75	22.5
Epsilon Money Market	154.27	154.19	+0.07	+8.38	161.8
Evergreen Shkoola	183.14	182.28	-0.25	+6.23	32.3
Excellence Bonds	2308.76	2279.24	-0.61	+12.59	19.0
Eyal Corporate Bonds	152.46	151.96	-0.04	+1.06	5.9
Eyal Shotef	145.87	145.87	+0.42	+10.02	14.8
Guy	759.54	741.28	-0.03	+8.32	110.5
Hatz Pekan	628.07	628.07	+0.16	+8.36	—
I.B.I Shkalim	155.73	155.73	-0.01	+10.00	160.7
Igud Magen Shikli	101.66	101.88	-0.43	—	10.0
Ilanot Agas	478.82	476.81	+0.97	+8.50	45.4
Ilanot Alon	2108.36	2099.53	-0.25	+10.55	47.1
Ilanot Armon	142.05	141.48	-0.01	+7.63	23.5
Ilanot Conv'bonds	3378.16	3383.29	+0.84	+8.07	9.6
Ilanot Eshel	829.86	826.19	+0.32	+7.84	91.9
Ilanot Etrog	1148.80	1143.76	+1.32	+6.82	55.3
Ilanot Muvtahat	108.94	108.94	+0.81	+4.78	36.9
Ilanot Oren	4271.97	4253.01	+1.51	+5.71	126.6
Ilanot Orion	190.28	189.39	-0.56	+11.10	31.6
Ilanot Rimon	584.02	584.02	+0.04	+8.59	—
Ilanot Shahar	252.85	251.75	-0.29	+8.44	38.8
Ilanot Shaked	238.83	237.84	-0.05	+8.42	39.6
Ilanot Shkoola	175.34	174.59	+1.09	+7.37	57.1
Koor Amnar Bonds	228.22	227.89	-0.61	—	31.2
Koor Dilender	101.29	101.29	-0.38	—	35.5
Lahak Conv. Bonds	251.90	251.99	-0.25	+5.27	93.7
Lahak Magen 95%	180.39	180.39	+0.55	+5.77	118.4
Lahak Shkalim	100.36	100.36	—	—	—
Lahak Yasoor	194.82	194.82	+0.22	+8.64	1488
Malkarit Pekan	345.18	339.14	+0.59	+8.24	29.0
Maritime Conv' Bonds	108.82	102.90	+2.48	—	1.6
Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds	161.97	160.69	-0.23	+9.57	13.4
Meitav Money Market	123.64	123.63	-0.39	+8.15	15.7
Mercazit Conv. Bonds	488.04	486.79	+0.75	+9.66	3.5
Mercazit Shikli Gambo	100.72	100.72	—	—	0.0
Models Shmura	116.30	115.12	+0.23	+6.71	18.0
Nesua Zanex Corp' Bonds	189.52	188.66	+0.70	+3.69	10.7
Otzar Shkalim	138.76	138.76	+0.19	+9.43	103.2
Pekan Corporate Bonds	489.06	480.34	+0.76	+4.76	38.6
Pia Halfin	555.59	555.59	+0.08	+8.48	601.9
Pia Mogenet	106.85	106.85	+0.19	+4.69	79.0
Pia Ophir	638.00	638.00	-1.10	+8.37	193.7
Pia Or	1223.67	1202.20	+1.34	+8.03	108.3
Pia Seguia	285.73	285.04	-1.34	+10.24	50.7
Pia Shamir	1376.15	1351.97	-1.34	+4.51	129.7
Pia Shkalim Adif	109.98	109.98	-0.86	+11.48	—
Pia Thula	402.25	395.18	+1.32	+7.56	26.9
Pia Yosma	240.99	236.74	-1.43	+2.85	32.0
Pil	304.01	301.12	-0.70	+4.24	3.8
Psagot Hagana Plus	109.70	109.70	+0.82	+8.23	101.0
Psagot Kol Raga	238.19	238.19	+0.05	+8.68	1482
Psagot Tashlumim	103.18	101.35	-2.95	+7.93	33.0
Psagot Yetsira	614.88	611.58	+0.41	+5.72	189.0
Ramco Bonds	102.79	102.59	-0.65	—	11.1
Simodan Bonds	115.50	113.51	-0.97	-8.24	1.3
Simodan Interest	151.40	151.40	+0.68	+9.25	20.0
Tsuot Hen	186.75	185.85	+0.35	+10.86	34.1
Zeller Conv. Bonds	109.85	109.21	+5.55	-19.70	0.9
Zion Bonds	2038.09	2025.03	-0.59	+3.00	5.6
Zion Gov't Bonds	113.80	113.61	-0.54	+9.02	9.9

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Foreign	—	—	—	—	24.4
Alomot Foreign Currency	116.73	115.92	-2.31	—	8.9
Analyst Europe	—	—	—	—	24.4
Capital Foreign	—	—	—	—	2.1
Dikla Meged	1160.35	1158.25	-2.59	+24.25	56.5
Dollar	—	—	—	—	7.3
Emda Matach	382.53	382.53	-1.63	—	52.8
Emda Tevel	—	—	—	—	49.8
Igud Foreign Currency	115.41	115.08	-3.05	—	10.9
Ilanot Dolev	1046.30	1041.71	-1.49	+18.97	125.3
Ilanot Hul	—	—	—	—	82.8
Ilanot Ilan $.	—	—	—	—	45.9
Ilanot Matach	262.78	262.78	-2.23	—	93.4
Lahak Cosmos $.	—	—	—	—	9.9
Lahak Matach	696.99	696.99	-3.02	+23.60	497.7
Lak Kahal	—	—	—	—	88.1
Meitav Foreign Currency	347.70	346.63	-3.12	+25.31	18.6
Moriah Pekan $	—	—	—	—	20.9
Otzar Universe	—	—	—	—	22.4
Pekan Inbal Matach	206.37	206.37	-2.56	+22.00	620.5
Pia Chul	—	—	—	—	125.0
Pia Inbar	132.33	132.33	-3.07	+23.53	336.2
Pia Prime $	—	—	—	—	35.4
Pia Target $	—	—	—	—	133.4
Psagot Chul	—	—	—	—	69.0
Psagot Globe $.	—	—	—	—	59.0
Psagot Israel Horizon	—	—	—	—	57.0
Psagot Matah	613.21	611.47	-2.11	+19.97	222.0
Reshef Pekan	—	—	—	—	57.3
Rosen Continental	—	—	—	—	14.0
Tsabar Pekan	391.48	384.51	-1.67	+23.72	27.6

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Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Eitan Pekan	362.75	358.33	-0.21	+6.38	86.6
Emda Kolelet	234.68	232.30	+0.37	+4.89	63.9
Goren Pekan	797.19	794.85	-0.68	+10.73	177.2
Ilanot Barak	2928.50	2914.56	+1.91	+3.06	36.3
Ilanot Brosh	3407.09	3390.93	+1.95	+3.55	64.8
Ilanot Mixed	2919.25	2905.46	+3.40	+2.32	5.3
Lahak Tzolit	802.39	788.39	+0.81	+9.09	147.8
Mad Dikla	145.96	144.97	+0.27	+3.72	17.8
Pekan Shikli Meshulevet	90.33	90.33	-1.50	—	182.5
Pia	8608.36	8458.16	+0.89	+4.25	161.0
Pia Gavish	7340.04	7212.46	-0.32	+8.18	227.9
Psagot Meshulevet	741.17	728.05	+2.01	+3.84	72.0

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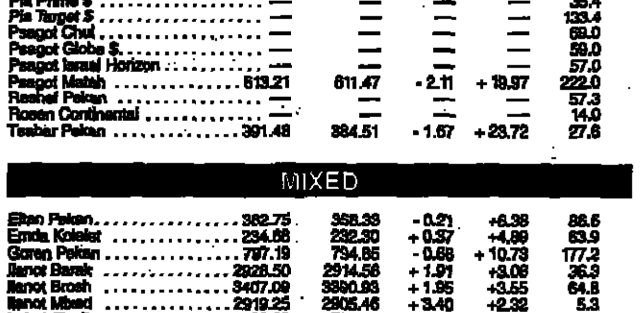

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	455	-1.1
Africa Israel 0.1	18770	-3.2
Africa Israel 1	181200	0.4
Agis	2230	1.4
Al Paper Mills	15000	3.4
Al-Rov	1500	-2.6
Azorim	3110	0.3
Azorim Prop.	670	-2.9
Bank Leumi 0.1	561	-0.7
Beran	3140	-0.3
Bayside 1	44000	2.6
Bayside 5	220000	0
Bezeq	1177	1
Blue Square	5270	1.7
Bromine	2780	4.5
Clal Electronics	58700	3.9
Clal Industries	1934	4.8
Clal Insurance	3460	-2.3
Clal Israel 1	9640	2.5
Dan Hotels	900	0
Dankner	2000	0
Darban	649	0
Dead Sea Works 0.1	965	1.3
Delek 0.1	11250	-0.9
Delek Car	585	1.4
Delta 1	3490	-1.2
Development Mort	19250	1.3
Discount Bank	371	4.8
Discount Inv.	10400	4.1
Elbit 0.003	1290	0.5
Elbit Imaging	4390	0
Elbit system	5180	-0.8
Elco Holdings	1995	-5
Elco Industries	3500	2.9
Electra	17900	-0.8
Electra App	2980	-0.3
Ellis Ind. 1	2540	1.8
Ellis Ind. 5	13030	-1.3
Elron 0.003	5880	-0.7
FIBI 5	2780	2.2
First Int'l 1	404	3.3
First Int'l 5	2030	4.2
First Int'l Mort	47900	5.5
Formula	9670	1.5
General Bank	6600	0.6
Granit Hacarmel	710	2.7
Hadarim Prop.	7900	11.3
Ham-Let	1880	0
Hapoalim 0.1	783	0.6
Harel Mishmar 1	3300	0
Harel Mishmar 5	16490	3.1
Home Center	5800	0
I.D.B. Dev.	8530	3.5
I.D.B. Holdings	8470	3.7
ILDC	1672	-1.8
Ind Bldgs	518	2.8
Israel Chemicals	353	0
Israel Corp. 1	29000	-0.3
Isrotel	610	0
Jafora	725	0
JCT	26.1	0
JEC	1780	-0.6
Kitan	351	0
Knafaim	4250	0
Koor	38000	-1.9
Leumi Insurance	214	-2.3
Leumi Mortgage	69700	3
Liraz	2500	-2.3
Ma'ariv	2460	3.4
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	985	1.8
Maman	510	0
Matab	3980	2.3
Mehadrin	12480	0
Mei Eden	1410	0.7
Melisseron	1080	0
Menorah Ins. 1	2100	0
Mishkan	63700	0
Mizrahi	743	-0.6
NATSVA REGULAR	1440	0.2
Nice Systems	7970	-1.2
Orbit	835	-4
Ormat Industries	448	4.9
Osem Industries	1775	-1.6
Petrochemicals	2020	1.5
Phoenix Ins. 1	6400	0
Plasson	3840	0.5
Poalim Inv.	12180	2.4
Point of Sale	2870	-1
Prop & Bldg	32300	1.6
Salt Industries	2020	1
Solel Bone	3600	0
Supersol	960	3
Tadiran	14810	0
Taksam	1794	0
Tambour	491	5.6
Telahot	180000	1.1
Tempo	1660	5
Teva	17780	-2.5
Wire and Cables	1136	0
Ytong Industries	950	-2.1
Shikun u'Binui	271	-4.9

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SMALL CAPITALIZATION
TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Abjac	1.8	0
Abudi	38.8	0
Ace-Spade	60	0
Ackerstein Bond B	190	0
Ackerstein Ind.	475	2.2
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1727	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8890	-0.1
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	323500	0
Adler	121	0
Adsha	135.5	0
Adumim	297	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	99.2	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	52.6	-9.3
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	141	-0.7
Afisek Ind	1084	0
Agis Warrant 3	0	0
Agis Warrant 4	270	3.8
Agish Int'l	329	0
Agri Investments	508	0
Al-Ban	125	0
Al-Ban Bond A	130	0
Alhe c2	99.8	-0.2
Alhe w6	115	5.5
Alliance	590	0
Aloni	275	0
Alony-Hetz	489	1.9
Alony-Hetz Bond A	213	-7
Alrod	217	0
Alrod Warrant 1	3	30.4
Alrov Bond D	83.1	-0.8
Alrov Warrant 5	169	0
Alumir	280	0
Alumit	1730	0
Amigar	190	0
Amitec	181.5	0
Ammell Warrant 1	40	0
Amnat	665	0
Ampa Investments	108000	0
Analyst EMS	630	2.9
Angel Trade	48.6	0
Angel Trade Bond A	157.5	0
Angel Trade Bond B	114.9	-2.5
Angel Trade Bond C	64.1	0
Apcon	926	-0.1
Apcon warrant 1	240	-4.4
Applicom	2630	-2.2
Aracell Warrant 2	380	11.8
Arad	1400	0
Arad Towels	1260	0.7
Arazim	106	0
Arazim Bond 1	269	0
Argaman	172	0
Ariadan	1200	0
Arpal	221	0
Aryt	98	0
Ashkelon Plywood	450	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	263	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	157.5	2.9
Ashtad	360	0
Ashtad Bond A	168	-4
Ashot	312	-4.4
Ashot Bond A	774	0
Ashpara	83	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	179	-1.6
Ashtrom Bond 2	168	0
Ashtrom Ind.	550	0
Ashtrom Prop.	190	0
Astrom P Bond 1	97.5	1.6
Astrom p warrant a	20.9	0
Astrum Bond C	104.8	-0.4
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atlon	94.9	0
Atmor	1260	-10
ATX	207	0
ATX Bond A	168	0
Atzmon	154.7	0
Aura	3970	4.7
Avarot	300	-6.2
Avarot Bond A	173.5	0.3
Averbuch Formica	634	0
Aviv	339	0
Aviv Bond 1	157	0
Aviv Bond 2	92.8	0
Avner	5	-2
Avrot Bond 2	92.4	0.1
Avrot Warrant 2	40	0
Ayalon	495	2.1
Azimuth	410	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	186	0
Azorim Warrant 13	383	-6.1
Azorim Warrant 5	105.5	0
Azorim Warrant A	255	-1.9
Azorim Warrant B	620	0
Badash Bond 1	31	0
Baltil	306	0
Balentine 1	143.5	0
Balentine Bond A	135	0
Bafron	3680	0
Bama'asef	950	0
Bama'asef Bond A	158	0.3
Bar	369	0
Bar Bond A	138.3	0
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	719	0
Barkan	639	0
Barsel	139.5	0
Bartal	170	0
Baumel Mosha	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	94	-0.2
BaySide Warrant D	1600	0
Beit Shemesh	1439	-2.1
Belmon	340	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	186	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	90.5	-0.5
Ben Yakar Gal	3920	0
Berman	124	4.5
Bezak Bond 3	121	-1.5
Bezak Warrant Bond 3	267	4.7
Bilu	2100	0
Bilu Bond A	173.7	0
Binar	279	-10
Bini	250	0
Bolos Bond B	82.2	0
bolos gad warrant 1	60	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bonei Tichon	480	0
Bonjour	430	0
Boulous Brothers	153.7	5
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD	460	-1.1
Boulous GD Bond A	148.5	0
Brand	84	0
Brill	58.5	0
Brok Side	13.8	0
Brosh	129	0
Building Bank	1440	0
Building Resou.	3990	0
C Holdings	459	0
C Holdings Bond 5	48.5	0
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Cantel	4240	5.5
Capitol	820	0
Capitol Bond A	123	0
Caprice	400	0
Cargal	684	0
Carmel	570	1.8
Carmiel	505	0
Castro	500	8.4
Catalana 1	497	0
CDI	134	16.6
Cementcal Bond A	63	5
Cementcal	257	-4.6
Centre	147.8	0
Centre Bond 1	149.9	0
Cham	459	4.6
Chayun Computers	177	0
Chemipal	472	0
Chim-Nir	331	0
CI Systems	135.5	0
Cidab	165	1.9
Clal Computers	6620	5.1
Clal Retail	45500	0
Cohen Beni	186	0
Cohen Dev.	197	0
Cohen MM	135	0
Cold Storage 1	1820	0
Cold Storage 5	9690	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	272	0
Compl	141.1	-5.9
Compl Warrant 1	12	33.3
Compulit	240	4.3
Comtech	375	0
Comtrans	828	6.8
Contal	865	2.9
Contractors	21800	0
Coral Beach	710	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2610	0
Cyclone Bond 1	264	0
Cyclone Bond 2	180	0
Dafron	1601	0
Dafron Bond 1	269	3.1
Dalin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	800	-3.6
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	165	0.3
Danbar 1	4940	0
Danbar 5	10890	-0.3
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	5850	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	174	0
Danbar Tech.	5100	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	166.1	0
Danel	45	0
Danel Bond A	93.5	0
Danel Personnel	2040	-1.4
Danel Warrant 2	199	0
Dankner Bond 1	222	0
Dankner Bond 2	140.5	0
Dankner Bond 3	94.4	-0.1
Dankner Warrant C	490	0
Danly	535	0
Darad	113	0
DARBAN BOND 2	100.2	0
Darban Bond A	266	0
Darban Warrant 3	63	0
Darsa	141	0
Darton	300	0
Desh Investment	760	0
Data	510	0
Decision Systems	243	-10
Degem Systems	402	-0.7
Delek Drillings	17.4	0
Delek Oil	1425	0
Destiny	775	0
Digel	290	0
Diom1	1220	0
Dolev	300	-5.1
Dolev Bond A	142.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	29	0
Domicar	549	4.6
Domicar Bond	163	-0.9
Dor Berger	320	0
Dor Chim	368	0
Dor Energy	1215	0
Doro w1	40.9	0
Dorea	50	0
Dorf c1	99.5	0
Dori Engineering	440	10
Dori Engineering Bond A	136	0.7
Dovrat Bond A	150	0
Dovrat Shrem	1140	0
DSL	750	1.4
Dubek M	3.8	2.7
Dubek S	3.8	0
Dunitz	225	0
DYG Industries	440	0
E & M Computing	1058	1.2
Edgar Albani	31	0
Edgar Industries	192	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	90.8	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	19.6	0
Efter Bond A	98	0
Eini	135	0
Eltam	360	0
Elbraan	2600	-4.8
El Bad	2000	0
El Canit	435	0
El Canit Bond 1	175	0
Elad	459	0
Elad Bond A	182.8	0
Elad Bond B	147	0
Elad c3	71	1.3
Elad w5	26.9	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	137	-0.7
Eldan Tech.	183.3	-0.4
Electronics Line	534	0
Elgar	5700	0
Eltech Ind.	835	0
Elkom	265	-1.7
Ella	340	0
Ella Bond A	143	-1.7
Elran	4300	4.1
Emek	119	0
Emyte	765	4.7
Engel Const.	520	0
ESE	1700	-1.2
Eshed Robotech	184.5	0
Even	351	0
Evergreen	3350	0
Evrols Warrant 1	1269	0
Excellence	1578	0
Export Inv.	768	3.7
Extra	84	-8.7
Feldman	87	0.1
Feldman Bond A	160	0
Feldman Ind.	250	0
Feldman Warrant 3	4	33.3
Fertilizers 1	114.5	0
Feuchtwanger 1	8400	-1.1
Feuchtwanger 5	40400	1
Fidelit	2000	0
Five J Jewelers	371	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	143.8	0
Formica Source	110	0
Frutarom	395	4.1
Gahelet	12300	2.5
Galcom	158.3	0
Galran	1067	10
Gama	155.7	0
Gamatronic	660	1.5
Gambit	3290	9.3
Gan ShmoelBond A	117	0
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	465	3.3
Gan Shmuel	1400	-1.3
Ganei Hadar	490	0
Gap Development	141	0
Gap Holdings	192	0
Gap Warrant 2	5	11.1
Gazit	645	0
Gazit Bond C	142	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	88.5	0
Gibor Sabrina	82	0
Gibor Sport	809	0
Gibor Warrant 2	84.8	3.5
Gilboa	60	0
Gilio	189	0
Giltek	1335	-0.4
Givot Olam Oil	113.4	0
Glob Rit	799	3.8
Golan	432	0
Gold	223	0
Golden House	445	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Golex	206	0
Granit Bond	161	0
Granit Bond 2	159	-2.4
Green Software	163.3	0
Greenberg	1200	0
H. Electronics	49.2	0
H. Mar	798	0
Habas	3480	0
Habas Bond 1	154	0
Hadar 1	25000	0
Hadar 5	73000	-0.5
Hadar Ins. 1	845	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3800	0
Hadarim Bond1.	123.3	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1000	11.1
Hagal	385	0
Hagal Bond B	160	-1.6
Hamakor	325	0
Hanel	8.1	0
Harel Bond A	0	0
Hasin Esh	750	0
Hason	279	0
Hatehof 1	255	0
Hatehof Bond A	145.2	0
Hayal	1287	0
Hayal Bond2	159	0
Hayal Warrant 1	77.7	0.3
Hed Arzi Music	330	0
Hiron 1	9900	0
Hiron 5	36000	0
HL Service Bond 2	201	2.7
HL Service Bond 3	156.5	0
HL Services	1630	-1.7
Hod	110	0
Hof	850	0
Holil	152.9	0
Hydrolics	97.9	0
IES Industries	280	0
IES Warrant 1	33	-12
Ilan Gat	118	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	162	0
ILDC Bond 5	270	0
ILDC Hotels	419	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	184.9	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	79	0
ILDC Insurance	370	-6.3
ILDC Insurance Bond A	144	0
Imco	884	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	20	0
Ind Bldgs R1	5	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	347	1.2
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3250	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3380	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1458	1.1

	LAST	CHANGE*
Independence Mort	70000	0
Intercosma	770	0
Intergamma 1	3090	0
Intergamma 5	12000	0
Inventech	530	0
Iscal	1340	0
Ispro	4180	0
Isracolor	359	0
Israel Corp. 5	136000	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	148.4	-0.3
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	169	0.3
Israfom	856	0
Israfom Bond C	88.5	0
Isramco	2.9	-6.3
Issta 1	6780	0
Issta 5	26300	0
Issta Bond A	270	0
ISTA LINES	2200	4.8
Itay	1949	8.3
Itay Bond 1	74.5	0
Itay Warrant 1	396	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	152	0
Jaysour Bond A	118.8	0.6
JEC Bond B	96	-1.1
Jerusalem Mort	197	13.2
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	174.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	78.5	3.2
JOEL Bond 1A	240	0
JOEL Bond 2	133.5	0.5
JOEL Bond A	240	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.8	0
Kadmani	114	-5
Kadouri	668	0
Kalrica bond b	92	0
Kalrica warrant 1	81	0
Kalkit	1195	0
Kalkalit Bond A	93.3	-0.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	165	0
Kamour	429	0
Kamour Bond G	143.3	0
Kanaspt	1100	6.9
Kanel Warrant G	1	0
Kenicol	30	0
Kenicol Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	469	0
Kardan 5	2800	0
Katz	128	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3740	0
Kenitex	414	0
Kesher	755	0
Kesher Bond A	158	0
Keter	650	5.7
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	42.5	0
King	295	0
Kinneret	169	0
Klech Kirur	165	0
Klshrei Teufa	1050	0
Kilal	220	0
Kilal Bond A	165	0
Kilal Bond A	113.5	0
Kill Ind. 5	6790	0
Koor Bond 5	145.7	0.1
Kopel	263	0
Kopel Bond 1	275	0
La Nationale Bond A	162.9	0
La Nationale Pref	115	0
Lachish	1849	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	73.5	0
Lasers	440	0
Laviav	620	8.8
Laznick Bldg	444	0
Laznick Comm Ctrs	155.3	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	134	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	300	7.1
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	142	0
Leader	920	0
Lego	420	-2.1
Leumi Warrant 5	39.3	1.6
Leventhal	680	0
Levi	539	6.9
Levi Bond A	141	-1.4
Levi Bond B	91.5	0
Levi Warrant 2	42.9	0
Levinstein Bond A	98.1	-0.9
Levinstein Warrant 2	630	0
Levinstein	1449	0
Liber	319	0
Liden	1540	0
Lifshitz 1	125	0
Lifshitz 5	500	0
Ligad	375	0
Ligad Bond 1	180	0
Lighterage 1	558	0
LIMS	260	0
Lipman	2800	-1.4
Lipskl	3270	0
Lipski Bond A	182	0
Liraz Bond A	143.5	0
Loden	77.5	0
Lodzia 1	1255	0
Lodzia 4	5200	0
Luhot Galil	22.7	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	180.5	0
Lumir	2870	0
Ma'ariv Bond A	136	-0.7
Maabarot	1120	0.4
Macpell	605	5.2
Macpell Bond A	140	-1.4
Macpell Bond B	136	0
Macpell Bond C	81	0
Macpell Warrant 3	41	13.9
Madi	480	-1.8
Magam	132	10
Magam Bond A	173.1	0
Magam Bond B	140	0
Magav	197	0
Magma	235	13.5
Magor 1	1880	0
Magor 5	8990	9.6
Magor hldgs. Bond B	85	-1.2
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	379	0
Malal	249	0
Mall	85	0
Malta	490	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	239	0
Mantur	24.5	8.9
Marathon	87	-5.4
Marathon Insured	100	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	174.6	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	155.5	-0.1
Maritime Bank	1396	1.2
Maritime Bank Bond B	155	0
Mashav	1050	5.1
Mashbir	590	0
Mashov	348	5.5
Mashov	224	0
Matam	1319	0
Matav Warrant 1	1050	0
Maxima 1	400	-3.4
Maxima 5	1442	0
Maznak	604	0.3
Med. Hotels	88	0
Medtechnica	549	2.6
Medtechnica Bond A	146	-0.3
Medtechnica Bond B	88.7	0
Medtechnica Warrant 2	81.5	2.5
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	70	0
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	500	3.1
Meir Ezra	1787	3.9
Meir Ezra Bond B	267	0
Melet	268	0
Melisseron Bond B	94	0
Melisseron Warrant 3	35	-2.8
Mendelson	209	3.5
Menolim	31.8	0
Menorah Ins. 5	7450	0
Mercazit	839	0
Merhav	137	18.3
Meytavit	185	0
Middle East Tube	260	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	119	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	7	-36.4
Millimor Bond A	143	0.8
Millomor Bond B	78	0
Millomor Warrant 2	84	5
Millomor	1539	-0.8
Mimsar	72.9	0
Mini Line	678	0
Minrav	13480	3.7
Mirage	218	0
Mirage Bond A	143	0
Mirage Warrant 1	0	0
Miromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	153.2	0.1
Mishor Hahof	340	0
Mivsani	194.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	2140	-5.7
Mivtach Shamir	1180	0
Mizrahi Inv.	7200	2.9
Mizrahi warrant 1	129.4	-1.5
Mizrahi warrant 2	80	1
MM Engineering	108.8	0
MM Engineering Bond A	83.5	-4
Modgal	640	0
Modlin	1.8	14.3
Moffet	202	1
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	240	11.6
Molett	846	0
More Plastic Ind.	278	0
Moshiovitz	146	0
MTI Computers	380	0
Mul-T-Lock	817	0
Mole Senter	229	0
Nachshon Fend	42	0
Naphtha	30	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	30	0
Natoor	517	-0.6
NATSVA BOND A	108.1	0
Navigator	231	-9.4
Navigator Property	821	0
Nechushtan Bond B	67	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	143.2	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	189	0
Nehushtan 1	583	0
Nehushtan 5	2680	0
Neot Aviv	8470	0
Nesua	430	0
Neve Arbel	146	-5.2
Nevim Hotels	364	0
Nevior	779	0
Nia	181	0
Nikov	770	0
Nisco	2380	0
Nissan	252	0
NMC	236	-0.4
Noga	1239	0
Noga Insurance	58.7	-9.7
Nordan	12.2	0
Nordan Tech.	400	0
Norfolk	566	0
Norfolk Bond A	185.8	0
Nur	83	0
NYP	1100	0
Oceans	258	0
Ocif	7700	-0.6
Ocif Bond A	191	0
Ocif Bond C	92.4	0.7
Ocif Warrant 2	670	0
Octova	450	0
Ofek	200	0
Ofer Bro	5810	7.6
Ofis	1025	-1
Ogden	61	0
Ofallav	450	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Oil Fields	1.2	0
Old-Dok	248	3.3
Omni	293	0
Omnitech	190	0
Ophir	359	0
Ophir Tours	593	-0.9
Oppenheimer	68	0
Optima	132	0
Orasys	3550	-0.8
Orazit	500	0
Orazit Bond A	170.5	0.3
Orda	2960	0
Orda Bond 1	184.5	0
Orev	661	-6.5
Oriell	113	0
Orlite	345	1.5
Orlite Bond A	84.9	0
Orlite Warrant 2	70	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	135	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	60	20
Oral	307	0
Otzar Hashiton	25000	0
Oz	212	0
Oz stide	357	0
Packer Steel	4690	0
Paltough	654	3
PAM	387	0
Pama	850	0
Pames	2500	0
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	700	7.7
Pardes Bond A	53.9	10
Passport	1800	-1
Paz Chen	385	0
PCB	1169	-2.3
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Pereg	117.2	0
Periclase	858	3.9
Phoenix Ins. 5	25000	0
Pica Plast	325	-0.3
Pilar	112	4.7
Pinros	190	0
Pinros Bond A	147.1	-0.6
Pitkit	400	0
Plason bond a	101.3	0.3
Plason warrant 1	292	4.4
Plasto Sac	819	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	97.3	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	85	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	95.6	0.1
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	1900	5.6
Poalim Investments Bond A	141.4	1
Polak	294	0
Polgat A	329	0
Polgat B 4	1250	0
Polygon	181.9	-10
Polygon Bond 2	218	0
Poraz	186	-0.5
Port	108	0
Poseidon	100.9	3.7
Pri Haemek	15	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	33.7	0
Pritzker	229	0
Pritzker Bond A	144	0
Profit	390	0
Profit Bond A	138.5	0
Python	472	9.6
Quality Cap Mkts	384	7.1
Rabintex	205	0
Ram Zur	71	5.2
Ramgor 1	220	0
Ramgor 4	800	0
Rapak	2460	-2.8
Rapak Bond A	169	0.1
Rassco	1366	21.7
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	93	0
Raved	196	0
RDC	940	0
RDC Bond A	154.5	0
Red Sea Hotels	602	0.5
Regency	118.5	8.7
Regency Bond 1	132	-0.6
Regent	450	0
Regent Bond A	152	0
Rafah	432	0
Reshef	60	0
Reshef Bond B	119.9	0
Rimoni	829	0
Rogosin	1065	-1.3
Rogosin Bond A	75	-0.7
Rogosin Warrant B	151	0
Romtech	430	0
Rosebud	79	5.6
Rosental	119.5	0
Rotem	284	-0.4
Rotshtein	135	0
Rotshtein Bond A	141	0
RSL	700	1.7
Sadot Mop Bond A	103.4	0
Sagle Prop. Bond 1	33	0
Saher Bond a	99	0
Saher Dev.	2650	0
Saher Securities	550	0.9
Saher Warrant 1	265	0
Sanlacol	370	2.8
Sano 1	2300	-7.3
Sano 5	12250	0
Scope	1392	0
Scope Bond A	97.5	0
Scope Warrant 2	106	0
Sea Trade	566	0
Secom	246	0
Securitas	784	0
Securitas Bond A	165	0
Selen	1000	0
Serafon	397	0
Shaked	326	0
Shamir	280	0
Shaliyah	900	0
Shef	238	0
Shekel	160.9	0
Shekel Bond A	158.8	0
Shelam	65.6	1.4
Shelam Bond 1	155	0
Shaleg	77	0
Sham Tov	264	0
Shemen	11710	0
Shiadot	52	0
Shlomo Angel	5400	0
Shmi c2	95.4	0
Shmi w2	189	0
Shmira	750	0
Shmira Bond A	158.2	-1.1
Shniv	582	0
Shtang	112	0
Shulamit	367	0
Shulamit Bond A	153.3	0
Sinai	560	0
Sinai Bond A	153.4	0
Solel Bone Bond A	110.5	0
Sol BoneR1	166	0
Solog	667	0
Solomon	624	0
solomon bond a	80	1.4
Solomon Holdings	419	0
solomon warrant 2	67	0
South Pipe	347	0
Spancrit	252	0
Spectronix 1	1190	3.1
STG	1195	0
STG Bond A	120	0
Sunfrost	4710	0
Suny Electronics	569	0
Synopsis	210	0
Synopsis Bond A	158.1	0.3
Syntec	333	0
Ta'al	170	0
Tachof Bond B	84.2	0
Tachof Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	200	0
Tadiran Appl	505	-2.7
Tal	160	0
Tal Bond A	74.7	0
TAP Bond 1	295	0
Tashloz bond a	123.1	0.5
Tashloz warrant 2	186.5	-0.3
Tashluz	1075	0
Tashluz Bond A	171	-1.2
Tashluz Bond B	136	1.5
Tashluz Prop.	880	0
Taste of Israel	168	2.4
TAT 1	370	0
TAT 5	1194	0
TAT Bond A	254	0
Taya	616	0
Taya Comm. 1	240	2.1
Team Computers	5000	2.9
Technoplast	652	-0.6
Tadea	1375	0
Tadea Bond A	113	0
Tadea Warrant 1	270	0
Telahot Preferred	175000	0
Telen	1200	0
Teldor	582	0
Telsis	1320	8.2
Telsis Warrant 1	313	0
Tene	198.9	0
Teuza	191.8	0
Teuza Insured	196	2.3
Tibon Veal	125	-3.1
Tim Warrant 3	600	0
Tiv	427	0
TMM	774	0
Tobias	2680	0
Tom	700	0
Topline	560	0
Topline Bond 2	163.1	0
Topper	32.9	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Toast Compounds	311	0
Trade	400	0
Trade Bond A	209	0
Trend Line	1595	0
Trocadero	35	0
Trydikal	370	0
Tsabar	204	0
Tsarfati	600	0
Tsarfati Bond A	158	0
Tsur	159	-5.4
Tsur Bond A	257	0
Tsur Bond B	122	0
Tsur Bond C	99	0
Tsur Preferred	167	0
Tuttanauer	950	2.2
Tzmicha	470	0
Tzmicha Bond A	157	0
Ultaki	38	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3700	0
Unicom 1	55	0
Unicom Bond 1	260	0
Unidress	2070	0
United Steel	164	-0.5
United Steel Industries Bond 1	168.6	0.4
Univercol	392	0.5
Urdan	258	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	117	-2.5
Uropa Israel	2660	8.1
Vardinon	18900	0
Vardinon Bond A	161	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	152.3	0
Videomatrix	28.7	0
Vilar	380	3.3
Vilar Bond 1	157.6	-0.8
Vill Food	1338	0
Villger Bond A	148.5	0
Vitalgo	350	0
Vitalgo Bond A	134.9	0
Vulcan	500	0
Vulcan Bond 1	245	0
Will Bond A	91.2	0
Will Warrant 1	299	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Woolfman 1	520	0
Woolfman 5	2400	0
Woolfson	63000	0
Ya'ara	595	0
Yaacobi	128	-0.8
Yaad Bond A	175.7	0.1
Yaad Bond B	80.4	0.5
Yaad Industries	280	0
Yaad Warrant 3	38	0
Yad	490	0
Yamit	186	0
Yarden	500	0
Yarden Bond 2	140	0
YDPZ	270	0
YDPZ Bond A	155	0
Yeda	1700	3.7
Yehuda	209	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhasl	1897	0
Yhahal Warrant 1	299	0
Yona Bond A	158	0
Yona Hotels	180	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	150	0
Zahir	565	0
Zanea Holdings	84.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	89	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	54	0
Zat	109.6	0
Zehavi	144	0
Zeller Ablagon	417	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	182	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	127	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	66.1	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	3.8	0
Zika 1	660	0
Zika 5	3350	0
Zikit 1	6000	0
Zikit 5	22500	0
Zinometal	495	-2.7
Zion Cables 1	216	2.4
Zion Holdings	14720	0
Zion Textiles	180.5	0
Ziv	276	0
Zoher	330	0
Zoko	263	6.8

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AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	35.875	+0.625
Ampal American Israel	3.875	+0
Carmel Container Sys	6	0
Electro Chemical Ind	0.625	0
Emultek	1.375	-0.0625
Etz Lavud	6.5	+0
Etz Lavud Cl A	4.5	-0.125
Integrated Technology	1.5625	0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.625	+0
Accent Software	0.1875	-0.03125
A.G. Associates	3.5	+0.125
Aladdin	7.6875	+0.1875
Ampal	10.5625	+0.65625
Arel Commun & Software	4	-0.0625
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.125	+0.09375
Better Online Solutions	6.1875	+0
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.15625	0
Bio Technology General	6.84375	+0.1875
B.V.R. Technologies	3.1875	-0.5
Checkpoint Software	30.875	-1.1875
Cimatron	2.125	+0.125
Comverse Technology	58	+2
Crystal Systems Solutions	10.25	-0.25
D.S.P.G. Group	18.5	+0.1875
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.9375	+0.125
Data Systems Software	3	+0
ECI Telecom	38.75	-0.25
Edusoft	7.8125	+0.0625
Electric Fuel	3.3125	-0.15625
Electronics for Imaging	28.75	+1.0625
Elbit Computers	3.09125	+0
Elron Electronics ord	14	+0
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	-	-
Elbit Medical Imaging	10.375	-0.25
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.25	-0.0625
Eltek Circuit Boards	0.90625	0
Engel General Developers	3.75	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	10.1875	-0.6875
Elbit Vision Systems	1.5	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.4375	0
Formula Systems (1985)	24.6875	+1.0625
Forsoft Ltd	9.9375	-0.3125
Fundtech	16.75	+0.375
Galileo	17.75	-0.625
G.Willi-Food	1.5	+0
Gilat Comm Ltd	8.4375	-0.1875
Gilat Satellite Networks	51.625	-0.875
Genesis Bnis	4	+0.375
Healthcare Technologies	1.25	+0
Home Center	10.25	-0.125
I.C.T.S.	5.25	-0.25
IIC Industries	9.125	+0.375
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	0.4375	+0.03125
Israel Land Develop - ADR	11.375	0
Indigo	3.8125	+0.9375
ISG Intl Software Group	7.71875	+0.09375
Isramco	2.5625	-0.03125
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	1.8125	+0.125
Logal	0.6875	+0
Level 8 Systems	7.25	+0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	5.4375	+0.6875
Madge	4.875	+0.0625
Magal Security Systems	2.125	+0.0625
Matav	18.75	+0.25
Medis El	8	-0.375
Memco	13.375	+0
Mer Telemanagement	1.75	+0.0625
Mercury	48	-0.75
Magic Software Enterprises	3.5625	+0.0625
Netmanage	2.09375	-0.09375
New Dimension Software	32.125	+0.375
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	3.375	0
Nice Systems	18.1875	-0.0625
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.34375	-0.0625
Noga Electro Mechanical	0.96875	-0.03125
Nur Tecnology	2.75	+0.125
Opti Systems Solutions	7.75	+0
Optomedics Medical Tech	2.25	+0
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.5	0
Orbit/FR Inc	2.75	-0.375
Orbotech	37.125	-0.25
Orckit	15.75	-0.375
Oshap Technologies	6.0625	-0.125
Paradigm Geophys	4.75	0
Pharmos	1.875	-0.0625
Point of Sale	6.75	-0.1875
Rada Electronics Ind	1.25	-0.1875
Radcom Ltd	2	-0.1875
RIT Technologies	1.8125	+0
RSL Communications	23.875	+0
Scitex Corporations	10.3125	+1.8125
Silicom	2.09375	+0.40625
Summit Design	9.375	-0.125
Sapiens International	8	+0.125
Scanvec	2.75	+0.0625
Tadiran Telecomm	18.9375	-0.125
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.1875	+0.0625
Tat Technologies	1	-0.46875
Technomatix Technologies	14	-0.125
Teva	43	+0.125
Top Image Systems	3	+0.125
Top Image Systems Warrant	0.375	+0.15625
Teledata Communications	-	-
Tower Semiconductor	9.5	+0.375
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	8.25	-0.375
TTR Inc	-	-
TVG Technologies	0.5625	+0.03125
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.375	+0
TVG Tech C	0.21875	+0
Vocaltec	13	-0.875
Wiz Tec Solutions	12.75	-0.5
Zoran Corporation	12.75	-0.0625

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	14.0625	+0.1875
Blue Square	12.5	+0
D.S.P. Communications	15.1875	+0.1875
Elscint	10.875	-0.125
First Israel Fund	12.125	-0.0625
PEC Israel Economic Corp	24.0625	-0.1875
Koor	17.25	+0.125
Simula Inc	6.9375	-0.0625
Super-Sol Ltd	11.4375	+0.0625
Tadiran	35.8125	-0.0625
Tefron Ltd	11.9375	-0.0625

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bsim Advanced	174	-0.5
Dmatek Ltd	34.5	+0
Pilat	13.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	53.375	-0.625
AMP Inc	47.5	-0.625
AMR Corp	68	+3.1875
ASA	20.125	-0.3125
Abbott Labs	48.875	-0.8125
Advanced Micro	25.625	-0.875
Aetna Life	82.125	+0
Affiliated Publ	18.625	0
Aflac	39.1875	+0.9375
Ahmanson (HF)	-	-
Air Prods	39.8125	-1.0625
Alberto-Culv B	25.125	+0
Albertson's	57.5	+0.125
Alcan Aluminum	27.9375	-0.9375
Allied Signal	44.6875	+1.875
Alcoa	77.875	-2.4375
Amax	-	-
Amazon	214.5	-3.5
Amerada Hess	55.9375	-1.875
Amer Brands	22.6875	+0.25
Amer El Power	48.1875	-0.625
Amer Express	104.5	-4.4375
Amer Genl Corp	73.8125	+0.25
Amer Greeting	42.1875	-0.1875
Amer Home Pr	53.8125	+0.1875
Amer Intl	98.375	+1.4375
Amer Natl Ins	88.625	+0
Amer Power Conv	43.5625	-0.0625
Amer Stores	33.6875	+0.4375
Amer T & T	62.6875	-1.1875
Amer West Hldg	14.5	+0.625
Ameritech	58.875	-0.1875
Ametek Inc	21	+0.0625
Amgen	75.875	-3.125
Amoco	59.6875	-0.4375
Analog Devices	22	-0.5
Andrew Corp	16	-0.0625
Anheuser-Busch	59.8125	-0.25
Aon Corp	59.8125	-0.5625
Apple Computer	35.9375	-0.3125
Applied Magnetics	6.9375	-0.1875
Applied Materials	42.8125	+2.25
Archer Daniels	18	+0.25
Armco	3.9375	+0
Armstrong World	59.625	+0.4375
Asarco	20.125	+0
Ascend	57.125	+2.25
Ashland Coal	18.375	+0.1875
Ashland Oil	51.625	+0.625
Atlantic Energy	23.0625	-0.3125
Atlantic Rchfld	65	-0.25
Auto Data Pro	78.3125	-1.0625
Autodesk	36.1875	-0.0625
Avery Dennison	47.9375	-0.625
Avnet Inc	58.4375	-0.625
Avon Products	41	-1.125
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Balmco Corp	6.6875	+0
Baker Hughes	20.25	+0.25
Ball Corp	41.875	-1.8125
Baltimore Gas	30.75	+0.1875
Banc One Corp	53.6875	-0.3125
Bandag	36.625	+0.25
BankAmerica	64.8125	-0.375
Bank of Boston	42	-0.75
Bank of New Yk	35.3125	+0.3125
Bankers Trst NY	84	-0.25
Barnes & Noble	28.0625	+1.3125
Battle Mount Gd	5.0625	-0.3125
Bausch & Lomb	55.75	+4.25
Baxter Intl	64.0625	-0.5
Bay Network	-	-
Becton Dickinson	42.25	-0.3125
Bed Bath & Bynd	28.25	+1.1875
Bell Atlantic	57.4375	+0
Bell Industries	10.375	+0
BellSouth	86.375	+2.875
HA Belo Corp	19	+0.125
Beneficial Corp	22.75	+1.125
Bethlehem Steel	8.3125	-0.125
Beverly Entprs	6.1875	-0.3125
Biomet	38.0625	+1
Black & Decker	56.5625	-0.1875
Boeing	42.25	-1.5625
Boise Cascade	32.1875	+4.3125
Bowater Inc	40.125	+1.1875
Briggs & Strtn	51.3125	-0.75
Brstl Myrs Sqb	121.938	-0.6875
Brit Airws ADR	68.125	+0.375
Brit Steel ADR	16.9375	+0.0625
Brit Telecom	143.563	-3.875
Brown Group	17	+0
Brown & Sharpe	7	+0
Browning Ferris	30.0625	-0.9375
Brunswick	22.25	+0
Burlington Nthn	93	-0.4375
Burlington Res	36.5625	-0.1875
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CBS Inc	29.125	-0.5
CKS Group	32	+0.375
CMS Energy Corp	49	+0.25
CSX Corporation	43.125	-0.25
Cabot Corp	31.4375	+0.25
Campbell Soup	56.625	+0.1875
Canadian Pac	22.25	+0.3125
Capital Cts ABC	54.9375	-0.5
Capstead	3.5625	-0.1875
Carematrix Corp	30.25	-0.75
Carnival Corp	34.75	+0.375
Carolina Pwr Lt	46.875	+0.0625
Carpenter Tech	36	+0.375
Caterpillar	50	-0.25
Centex Corp	38.0625	+0.3125
Central & SW	28.375	+0.125
Ceridian	63.4375	+0
Champion Intl	43.1875	+3.875
Chrng Shoppes	4.1875	-0.125
Chase Manhattan	64.875	-0.125
Chevron Corp	79.625	-0.6875
Chiquita Brands	11.25	-0.1875
Cholestec	4.25	+0.375
Chrysler	-	-
Chubb Corp	72	-0.5
Cisco	76.1875	+0
Citicorp	50.5	+1.5
Clevld Cliffs	38.625	+0
Clorox	113.813	-2.3125
Coastal Corp	37.3125	-0.75
Coca Cola	73.5	-1.9375
Coca Cola Ent	40	+0.25
Colgate Palmolv	90.0625	-4.6875
Comcast Corp A	48.5	-1.0625
Compaq	34.625	+0.125
Compute Ass Int	44	-0.75
Computer Sci	57.625	-2.9375
Conagra	31.875	-0.125
Cons Edison	52	-0.25
Cons Freightwys	37.25	-0.5
Cons Nat Gas	55.4375	+0.25
Cooper Inds	49.125	+0.0625
Coors (Adolph)	50.6875	+0.0625
Corning Inc	41	+0.125
Crane	31.1875	-0.5
Crompton Knowles	19.6875	+0.5625
Crown Cork Seal	33.75	+0.5625
Cummins Engine	39.6875	+0.125
Curtiss-Wright	37	-0.5
Cypress Semicon	10.75	-0.25
Cyprus Mineral	12.1875	+0.3125
Cytec Indust	23.875	-0.125
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DQE	40.5	+0.375
Dallas Semi	39	-0.4375
Dana Corp	41	-0.1875
Data General	17.5	-0.625
Dayton Hudson	43.6875	-1.5625
De Beers	14.75	-0.375
Deere	38.125	+0.875
Dell Computers	64.875	-1
Delta Air Lnes	55.75	+2.875
Deluxe Corp	38.3125	+0.25
Detroit Edison	44.875	-0.0625
Dial Corp Del	26.625	+0.5625
Diebold Inc	36	-1.625
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	33.9375	-2.1875
Disney (Walt)	29.9375	+0.4375
Dominion Res	47.1875	+0.375
Donelley (RR)	43.5625	+0.125
Dover Corp	35.75	+1
Dow Chemicals	98.375	-0.0625
Dow Jones	49.125	-0.8125
Dresser	-	-
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	63.125	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	30.25	+0.75
Du Pont	60	-1
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E G & G Corp	27.25	+0.125
Eastern Ents	41.375	-0.3125
Eastman Kodak	75.875	+0.4375
Eaton Corp	69.6875	-0.1875
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	18.25	+4.375
Emerson Elec	65.625	+1.375
Engelhard Corp	20.25	-0.1875
Enron Corp	56	-0.3125
Entergy Corp	30.0625	+0.3125
Enzo Biochem	11.5	+0.125
Equifax Inc	43.0625	-1.1875
Ericsson	26.3125	-0.4375
Ethyl Corp	6.125	-0.25
Exide Corp	17.0625	-0.3125
Exxon	72.6875	+0.625
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FMC Corp	59.875	+0.9375
FPL Group	62.6875	+0.25
Fedders Corp	5.875	-0.125
Federal Express	65.6875	+2.5625
Federal Mogul	58.3125	-0.25
Fed Nat Mtge	72	+0.375
First Chicago	-	-
First Union	63.5	-0.4375
Fruit of the Loom	15.0625	-0.375
Fst Union Rlty	5.8125	+0
Fleet Finl Grp	43.125	-0.6875
Fleetwd Enterp	35.25	+1.6875
Fleming Cos Ok	9.375	-0.1875
Florida Prog.	42.625	+0.5
Fluor Corp	44.8125	-0.25
Food Lion Inc	9.8125	+0
Ford Motor	55.25	-0.5
Fortune Brands	35.5625	+0.125
Foster Wheeler	17.25	+0
Furniture Brands	26.25	+0.375
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Galoob Toys	-	-
Gateway 2000	61.25	-0.0625
GATX Corp	38.25	+0.4375
GTE Corp	63.0625	-0.875
Gannett	64.625	-0.875
Gap Inc Del	71.625	-1.875
Gencorp	23.6875	-0.3125
Gen Am Invest	30	-0.1875
Gen Dynamics	59.6875	+0.0625
Gen Electric	94.25	-0.375
Gen Mills	74.4375	+0.25
Gen Motors	72.875	-0.5
Gen Motors H	38.9375	-1.0625
Gen Public Ut	44.875	+0.3125
Gen Reinsurnce	238.813	-1.8125
Gen Signal	-	-
Gen DataComm	3.625	-0.125
Genuine Parts	33.375	-0.125
Georgia Pac	59.625	+5.6875
Germany Fund	14.375	+0.125
Gillette	45.875	-1.75
Glaxo ADR	64.4375	+0.1875
Golden W Finl	96.5	-1.125
Goodrich (BF)	39.9375	+0.6875
Goodyear Tire	57	+0.375
Grace (W&R)	16.875	+0.4375
Grainger (WW)	44.125	-0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28.4375	-0.1875
Grt Central Mine	2.21875	-0.15625
Gulf Canada Rec	3.375	-0.0625
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Haliburton	32.5625	-0.125
Hanna (MA)	14.4375	+1.375
Harcourt	52.1875	-0.6875
Harley Davidson	41.4375	+1.125
Harnischfeger	8.75	+0
Harrah's Ent	16	-0.5
Harris Corp	38.5625	+0.625
Hasco Corp	32.375	+0.1875
Hartmarx	5.625	+0.0625
Hasbro	33.75	-1.3125
HBO & Co	24.9375	-0.1875
Health Care Ppt	31.5	+0.125
Hecla Mining	4.3125	-0.1875
Heinz (HJ)	58.9375	-1.25
Helix Technol	13.4375	-0.3125
Hmrch & Payne	19.25	+0.3125
Hercules	34.3125	+0.375
Hershey Foods	68.9375	-0.4375
Hewlett Packard	63	+1.375
Hilton Hotels	21.3125	+0.375
Hrsch Int	3.625	-0.625
Hollinger	13.0625	+0.25
Home Depot	60.3125	-0.3125
Homestake	11.8125	+0
Honeywell	81.8125	-0.1875
Hormel (Geo)	31.6875	+0.0625
Household Intl	39.4375	-0.4375
Houston Inds	32.375	-0.25
Humana	19.375	+0.3125
IBM	165.188	-1.375
Illinova Corp	26.9375	+0.25
Illinois Tool	66.1875	+1.125
INCO	12.3125	-0.5625
Ind Comm Bank	14.125	-0.375
Ingersoll Rand	48.6875	+0.9375
Inland Steel	17.9375	-0.5
Intel Corp	110.438	-3.125
Intergraph	6.25	-0.125
Interlake	3.5	-0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	42.5	-0.5
Intl Multifoods	24.5	+0.25
Intl Paper	44	-1.8125
Interpublic	70.625	+0.5
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Jefferson Pilt	72.625	+2.6875
Johnson & J	85.1875	-2.8125
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K Mart	14.5625	-0.6875
Kaiser Alum	6.625	-0.25
Kellogg	34.5	+0.75
KLA Instruments	39.4375	+1.5625
Kennametal	20.5625	+0.125
Kerr-McGee	40.75	-0.375
KeyCorp	33.125	-0.25
Kimberly-Clark	52.125	+1.4375
King World Prod	28	-1.625
Knight Ridder	52.3125	-0.1875
Kroger	58.5	-1.8125
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LSI Logic	18.375	-0.375
Legget & Platt	23.4375	+0.5625
Leucadia Natl	31.4375	+0.25
Lilly (Eli)	89.375	+0
Limited Inc	27.6875	-0.8125
Linear Technol	72.1875	-2.3125
Lincoln Nat	85.4375	+1.5625
Litton	68.6875	-0.3125
Liz Claiborne	33.6875	-0.625
Lockheed Corp	107.375	-1
Loews Corp	104.313	-0.0625
Lone Star	77.5	+0.0625
Longs Drug Strs	34.0625	+0.875
Loral Corp	19.375	-0.375
Louisiana Pacif	17.75	+0.75
Lowe's Co Inc	41	-0.25
Lucent Tech	90.1875	+1.5625
Lubrizol	26.5	+0.9375
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Madge	4.875	+0.0625
Mallinckrodt	33.125	+0.3125
Manor Care	-	-
Mapco Inc	-	-
Marriott	29.125	-1.0625
Mrsh & McLn	60.3125	-0.8125
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	30	-0.375
Massmutual Corp	24.375	+0.1875
Mattel Inc	36	-3
May Dept St	60.6875	-1.6875
Maytag Corp	55.1875	-0.125
McDermott	28.5625	-0.25
McDonalds	72	-0.4375
McGraw Hill	90.4375	-0.4375
McKesson Corp	73.9375	-2.875
Mead Corp	30.9375	+1.1875
Medtronic	69.6875	+0.4375
Mellon Bk	62.875	-1.25
Mentor Graphics	8.5625	-0.1875
Merck Inc	158.625	+2.625
Meredith Corp	38.875	-0.6875
Merrill Lynch	78.0625	+2.0625
Micron Technol	43.75	-3.625
Microsoft Corp	121.688	+2.5
Millipore	28.125	-0.75
Mine Safety App	57	+1
Minnesota Mine	83.5	-1.5625
Mitchell Energy	13.375	-0.375
Mobil Corp	74.9375	-1.25
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	32.375	-0.625
Monarch Macht	6.75	-0.0625
Monsanto	43.375	+2.5
Morgan (JP)	111.25	-4.625
Morton Intl	30	+0.0625
Motorola Inc	60.625	-0.9375
Murphy Oil	41.625	+0.3125
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Nacco Inds	90.1875	-0.8125
Nalco Chemical	33.3125	+0.3125
Nashua Corp	16.5	+0.125
Natl City Corp	66.875	-0.5625
Natl Semi	14.8125	-0.0625
Natl Serv Ind	40.125	-0.125
NatWest Bank	108.875	-8.75
Navistar Int	25.9375	-0.1875
Netscape	39.875	-2.0625
New England El	42.25	-0.1875
News Corp	28.125	-0.75
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	32.3125	+0.3125
Newmont Mining	21.5625	-0.4375
Niag Mohawk	15.375	+0
Nicor Inc	43.8125	-0.125
Nike Inc	42.0625	-2.125
NL Industries	13.8125	-0.125
Noble Affil	27.3125	+0.25
Nokia	98.1875	-3.4375
Nordstrom	36.8125	-2.125
Norfolk Southrn	32.625	-1
Northeast Util	15.5	+0
Northern Telecom	47.75	-0.5625
Novell	17.375	-0.625
Nthn State Pwr	27.9375	+0.1875
Northrop	81.9375	-0.5625
Norwest Corp	-	-
NSI	0.34375	-0.0625
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Occidental Pet	20.0625	-0.0625
Ogden Corp	27.625	+0.125
OEA	12	+0.0625
Ohio Casualty	40.75	+0
Olin Corp	30	+0.3125
Omnicom Group	55.9375	-0.25
Oneok Inc	35.6875	-0.75
Oracle Systems	35	-1.875
Oryx Energy Co	14.4375	-0.125
Oshkosh Bgosh	23.25	+0.25
Overseas Ship	16.9375	-0.125
Owens Corning	35.9375	-0.25
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PNC Financial	52.6875	-0.1875
PPG Industries	61.75	-0.8125
Paccar Inc	47.5	-0.5
Pacificorp	19.1875	+0.25
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	32.25	-0.0625
Pall Corp	24.0625	-0.375
Parker Drilling	4	-0.0625
Parker Hannifin	36.0625	-0.0625
Payless Shoe	49.4375	-1.375
Penney(JC)	60	-2.4375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27.6875	+0.0625
Pennzoil	38.0625	+0.1875
People's Energy	39.125	+0.125
Pepsico	37.25	-0.25
Perkin Elmer	91.8125	+0.9375
Pfizer	115.125	-1
Pharmacia & Upj	52.125	-1.875
Phelps Dodge	57.1875	-0.625
Philadel Elec	41.625	+0.4375
Philip Morris	58.125	-0.125
Phillips Elec	67.0625	-2.875
Phillips Pet	43.4375	-0.5
Phycor Inc	6.375	+0.15625
Pioneer Hi Bred	30.8125	+0.125
Pitney Bowes	57.0625	-0.0625
Policy Mgt Sys	51	+1.875
Polycom	18	+0.25
Potash Corp	64.3125	+0.125
Potomac El Pwr	26.5625	+0.0625
Procter & Gamble	91.9375	-1.625
Promus Hotel Cor	35.5625	+1.0625
Pub Svc Enterpr	39.5	+0.375
Pug Snd Pwr	27.125	-0.0625
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Quaker Oats	63.125	-2.25
Qualcom	54.9375	-1.6875
Quanex Corp	17.625	-0.5
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RJR Nabisco	30	-1.625
Ralston Purina	35.875	-0.875
Rank Orgnsn ADR	8.0625	+0.0625
Raychem Corp	34.0625	+0.125
Raytheon A	57.875	-0.125
Raytheon B	58.5625	-0.625
Reebok Intl	15.75	+0.1875
Republic NY	47	+0.0625
Reynolds Rayn A	21.3125	+0.125
Reynolds Metals	59.375	-0.1875
Rite Aid Corp	48	-0.25
Rockwell Intl	47.4375	-0.9375
Rohm & Haas	36.0625	-0.1875
Rouse	28.875	+0.25
Rowan	10.625	+0
Royal Dutch	48	-0.1875
Rubbermaid	34.1875	-0.0625
Ruddick	19.125	+0
Russell Corp	23.6875	-0.4375
Ryder System	26.0625	+0.25
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SPS Technology	57.375	+0
Safeco Corp	43.6875	-0.8125
Safety-Kleen	3.4375	+0
St Paul's Cos	38.375	-0.875
Sara Lee Corp	60.1875	-0.625
Schering Plough	109.438	-1.25
Schlumberger	50.125	+0.25
Scientif Atlanta	16.625	-0.4375
Scripps	51.3125	+0.0625
Seagate Tech	30.5	-0.875
Seagram	33.9375	-1.3125
Sears Roebuck	48.4375	-1.1875
Sempra Energy	26.125	+0.0625
Sensormatic Elec	6.8125	+0.0625
Sequent Computer	12.75	+0.3125
Service Corp I	39.25	+0
Service Master	22.0625	+0.25
Shell Trans	36.125	-0.625
Sherwin Wllms	27.8125	+0.5625
Shoney's Inc	1.75	+0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	33	-0.875
Silicon Graphics	13.25	-0.25
Skyline Corp	32.125	+0.1875
Smith Intl	28.6875	-0.3125
SmKline Bchm A	60.75	-0.9375
Snap-On-Tools	33.8125	-0.0625
Sonat	30.5	-0.3125
Sonocco Prods	30.1875	+0.6875
Sony Corp ADR	78	+1.125
Southdown	58.875	+0.5625
Southern Co	29	-0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	-	-
Southw Airlines	22.8125	+1.1875
SBC Sthwstn Bell	50.375	+0
Spring Inds	37.3125	-1.1875
Sprint Corp	73	+1
Standard Prods	18.625	-0.0625
Stanley Works	30.6875	+0.125
Stone Container	-	-
Storage Technol	37.3125	+0.0625
Stratus Comp	-	-
Sun America	1.5625	-0.125
Sunbeam Corp	6.125	-0.5
Sun Company	33.375	-0.6875
Sundstrand	55.8125	+0.25
Sun Microsystems	72.9375	+1.625
Sunshine Mining	0.625	-0.0625
Suntrust	72.375	-1.4375
Supervalu	27.875	-0.5625
Symantec	20.375	+0.25
Sysco Corp	28.4375	+0.0625
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TJX Cos Inc	26.375	-0.3125
TRW Inc	55.1875	-0.0625
Tab Products	7	-0.0625
Tandy Corp	48	-0.6875
Telecom Corp	41.8125	-0.75
Telefonos de Mex	49.1875	-1.0625
Telef De Espana	139.25	-1.3125
Temple Inland	62.625	+2.75
Tenneco	35.5625	+2.3125
Tenet Health	29.875	+0
Teradyne	34.625	-0.1875
Tesoro Pet	13.6875	+0

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TASE rises led by Discount Bank

Tel Aviv

Israel's Maof Index rose yesterday for the sixth time in seven days, led by Israel Discount Bank, after the Bank of Israel left the benchmark interest rate unchanged so as not to discourage borrowing any further.

The Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies rose 0.88 percent to NIS 301.67, after rising 0.90 percent on Monday.

Israel Discount Bank, Israel's third biggest bank, rose 4.8 percent to 3.71. Demand for bank shares increased after the Bank of Israel kept its key interest rate at 13.5 percent, a 17-month high. The central bank raised rates twice in a month, boosting its benchmark rate 4 percentage points to contain inflation and check the weakening of the shekel against the dollar. Bank Hapoalim, the No. 1 bank by assets, rose 0.64 percent to 7.83. Bank Leumi, the second-biggest bank, fell 0.71 percent to 5.61.

Discount Investment Corp. rose 4.1 percent to NIS 104. Ma'ariv reported that Xerox Corp. is in talks to buy Scitex Corp., an Israeli digital printing company, of which Discount Investment has a 13 percent stake.

Clal Industries, which indirectly owns 13 percent of Scitex, rose 4.66 percent to 19.31. Discount, Clal, and Scitex declined to comment on the report.

Europe

UK stocks fell, led by Abbey National Plc and other banks on concern their gains over the past three days weren't justified by the outlook for earnings. British Telecommunications Plc tumbled as regulators delayed its joint venture with AT&T.

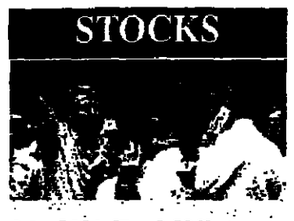
EMI Group Plc fell after reporting a 22 percent drop in first-half profit from operations, as a recession in parts of Asia and a slumping economy in Brazil dragged sales lower.

"Risks are still out there; Brazil, Latin America in general, and China continue to struggle," said Gregor Logan, the investment director at MGM Assurance, which has 1 billion pounds ($1.65 million) under management. "Only the speed of the destruction has slowed." Logan said he has sold financial-services stocks.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index fell 45.9 points, or 0.78 percent, to 5802.5, after rising to a three-month high yesterday and snapping the biggest three-day rally in six years. There were twice as many decliners as gainers. Abbey National fell 32p to 1,308, while BT lost 28p to 866.5.

Banks had rallied on merger speculation, the latest push coming Monday from Deutsche Bank AG's planned purchase of Banker's Trust Corp. Following a string of disappointing third-quarter earnings, banks are looking to boost profit through consolidation.

"Mergers are a defensive move," Logan said. Recent gains have left banks expensive, he said. National Westminster Bank Plc slid 28.5p to 1124.5, Halifax Plc declined 20p to 852 and Royal Bank of Scotland Plc lost 36p to 902.



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Dow Jones 9301.15 ▼ 0.78%
FTSE 5802.5 ▼ 0.78%
Nikkei 15167.64 ▲ 2.6%

Asia

Japanese and Taiwanese exporters led Asian stocks higher, following a record day on Wall Street that fueled expectations of increased demand in the US for their products.

The Nikkei 225 index rose 384.70 points, or 2.6 percent, to 15,164.64, its first close above 15,000 in three months. Sony Corp., which derives a third of operating profit from US sales, accounted for a sixth of the index's gain. The Taiwan Weighted Index rose 1.7 percent, led by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., which sells half its custom-made computer chips to US clients.

Sustained growth in the world's largest economy is vital to revive Asia's flagging economies, since it consumes almost a quarter of the region's exports. The Dow Jones Index Monday rose 2.3 percent to a record high, on expectations three US interest rate cuts in seven weeks will spur consumer spending.

"Bull markets are contagious," said Alex Muromcew, international portfolio manager at Nicholas Applegate Capital Management in San Diego, California, which handles $300 million in Japanese equities. "If US growth remains strong it helps all the Japanese exporters."

In other Asian markets, Korea's Kospi Index rose 1.5 percent as the trading arms of large business groups gained on hopes of rising exports. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 3.2 percent, Australia's benchmark All Ordinaries index 0.5 percent and Singapore's Straits Times Index 2.6 percent, partly lifted by hopes for strong US growth. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Stocks pulled back as investors locked in some gains from Monday's rally, which lifted the Dow to its first record high since July.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 73.12 points – 0.78% – to 9,301.15, giving back a third of Monday's 214-point gain. Broader stock indicators also succumbed to a modest bout of profit-taking.

But the selling remained rather restrained compared with the tremendous gains of recent sessions, a sign of the momentum behind the market's six-week rally.

The Standard and Poor's 500 fell 5.22 to 1,182.99, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 11.53 to 1,965.89.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,442 up, 1,653 down and 490 unchanged. Nasdaq losers led by a 7-to-5 ratio.

NYSE volume totaled 763.84 million shares as of 4 p.m., almost even with Monday's hefty tally of 764.44 million at the same time.

The NYSE composite index fell 2.56 to 579.69, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 5.17 to 666.83.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.54 to 396.61. (AP)

Yen up amid Asian stock gains

The dollar fell against the yen, as stocks surged in Japan and rose elsewhere in Asia, and amid sales of deutsche marks for yen.

"The Nikkei performance is one of the reasons the yen is rising," said Keisuke Aso, manager of foreign exchange at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. Some people say it suggests "the Japanese economy has started to show signs of recovery."

The dollar fell to 120.84 yen from 121.13 Monday in New York. Earlier, it had risen as high as 121.97, a day after US stocks soared to records. The US currency was little changed at 1.7062 marks, paring earlier gains, from 1.7041 marks Monday.

In mark-yen trading, the mark dropped to 70.705 yen from 71.015. Traders selling the German currency for yen often go through the dollar, buying dollars with marks and then using those dollars to buy yen.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index soared 2.6 percent to 15,164 – the first time it rose above 15,000 in three months – while Hong Kong's Hang Seng stock index jumped 3.2 percent. Stock markets in Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan also rose on optimism about exports.

The dollar's decline accelerated after it fell to 120.80 yen, triggering stop-loss orders. Traders place such orders to limit losses in case the dollars moves contrary to expectations.

A Commerce Department report on economic growth had little impact on the dollar. The report showed US gross domestic product grew at a 3.9 percent annual pace in the June-September quarter, up from an initial 3.3 percent estimate close to the 4.0 percent forecast.

Dollar 4.1690 ▼ 0.5%
Basket 4.5303 ▼ 0.51%
Mark 2.4399 ▼ 0.58%
Sterling 6.9026 ▼ 0.41%

"We had good GDP figures, but they came in line with expectations, so there wasn't any real surprise," said Jamie Coleman, an analyst at Thomson Global Markets in Boston.

The strong growth figures and the recovery in US stocks has dispelled speculation that the Federal Reserve may cut US interest rates again soon. That's helping support the dollar against the mark.

German import prices fell 5.7 in October from a year ago, the fastest year-on-year decline since May 1987, the Federal Statistics Office said. Monday, two of Western Germany's largest states, Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg, reported consumer price rose 0.6 percent for the month to mid-November from a year earlier.

The reports suggest inflation isn't a problem in Germany, the largest economy in Europe. That gives the European Central Bank more scope to cut interest rates early next year to below Germany's 3.30 percent repurchase rate. The ECB will take over monetary policy for the 11 countries joining Europe's single currency on Jan. 1.

To be sure, the dollar could rebound against the yen amid signs Japan won't cut the 5 percent nationwide sales tax, seen by many analysts as key to helping lift the economy from recession.

Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi agreed last Thursday to consider increasing a planned series of income tax cuts to 10 trillion yen ($83 billion) from 4 trillion yen. (Bloomberg)

Palladium falls as Russia unloads metal

Precious metals

Palladium for immediate delivery fell as much as $8.60, or 3.0 percent, to $274.50 an ounce, its third successive decline. The drop followed a similar fall in Tokyo, on speculation that Russia, the world's biggest producer, is about to export more of the metal. Palladium soared more than 10% last week, hitting a four-month high of $304.50 an ounce in London on Thursday, following a report by Johnson Matthey Plc, the world's largest marketer of palladium, forecasting strong future demand from the auto industry.

Oil

Crude oil for January delivery was little changed at $12.41 a barrel, down 4 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders awaited the weekly American Petroleum Institute inventory report after trading. Last week, the API reported that crude oil stocks fell 1.9 million barrels, or 0.6%, during the week ended November 13. Traders are also waiting to see whether OPEC, which meets tomorrow in Vienna, will cut output further to prop up prices.

Others

Copper for December delivery rose as much as 0.2 cent, or 0.3%, to 71.30 cents a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Signs that future demand for copper may not be as strong as expected come after the government reported that the US economy grew at a slower-than- expected 3.9% rate during the third-quarter. Analysts expected growth of 4.0%. Still, traders were awaiting a report today which could show sales of existing homes rose last month, renewing optimism that robust sales may encourage builders to expand construction projects, boosting demand for copper wiring and plumbing.

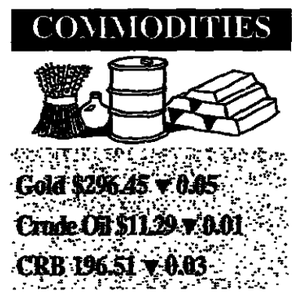
Raw sugar for March delivery fell as much as 0.12 cent, or 1.5%, to 8.12 cents a pound on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York. Growers in nations such as Brazil, the world's biggest sugar producer, have sold more of their harvests to generate cash even as global demand weakens.

Sugar shipments from Brazil totaled 3.511 million metric tons between May and September this year, up from 3.059 million a year ago, according to C. Czarnikow Ltd., a London-based sugar trading company, in a report earlier this month. Still, a strike in Brazil's largest port of Santos, which is expected to last through today, has halted some exports of sugar and other commodities as dock workers protested potential changes in working hours.

Coffee for January delivery rose as much as $44, or 2.7%, to $1,680 a metric ton, its highest price in more than a week, on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange amid concern Brazilian dockworkers will again go on strike, causing coffee shipments to be delayed from the world's largest grower during the peak coffee-drinking season.

Dutch hogs for January delivery fell as much as 0.04 Dutch guilders, or 2.9%, to 1.33 guilders a kilogram on the Agrarische Termijnmarkt in Amsterdam, the contract's first fall after gaining 17% during the past six days. Dutch hog prices have fallen 42% since the beginning of the year and are trading near their lowest since the contract was established in 1972.

European pork production rose more than 3% last year, adding to supplies just as plunging currencies in Russia and Asia reduced purchasing power and pork imports in those regions. (Bloomberg)



Gold $296.45 ▼ 0.05
Crude Oil $11.39 ▼ 0.01
CRB 196.51 ▼ 0.03

US bonds rise amid expectations of slower growth

US bonds rose for the fourth time in five days amid expectations the economy will slow and inflation will remain subdued.

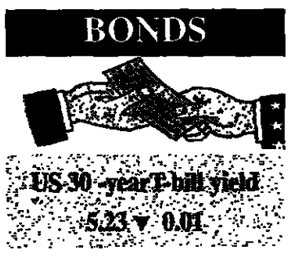
I "would expect bond yields to come down further," said John Queen, of Hotchkis & Wiley in Los Angeles. Still, "it's going to take seeing what happens in the economy, exactly how much it does slow."

Factory orders for big-ticket goods registered a bigger-than-expected 1.7 percent decline in October, the first drop in five months. At the same time, however, consumer confidence rose more than expected in November, rebounding from an 18-month low a month earlier, according to a Conference Board report.

The 30-year Treasury bond rose 6/32, or $1.88 per $1,000 bond. Its yield fell 1 basis points to 5.23%.

Shorter-term securities fell amid expectations resilience in the economy and a recent rally in stocks will prevent the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates again soon. Yields on two-year notes, among the most sensitive to Fed expectations, rose 2 basis points to 4.68%.

"The implication is that the Fed is finished, but the market has already come to that realization," said Paul Kasriel, economist at Northern Trust Securities. The Fed lowered its target for overnight loans between banks to 4.75% from 5.5% with three reductions in seven weeks.



US 30-year T-bill yield
5.23 ▼ 0.01

Earlier, the Commerce Department said gross domestic product grew at an annual pace of 3.9% in the third quarter. That's up from its initial estimate of 3.3%, yet in line with analyst's forecasts of 4% growth. The deflator, a measure of inflation used in calculating GDP, rose at a 0.8% annual rate, suggesting inflation is subdued.

"People are looking in awe at yesterday's rise in stocks: that's the kind of thing that instills confidence in investors," said David Horner, a senior fixed-income strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. "That's not particularly good for fixed-income prices."

Consumer confidence rose to 126.0 this month from October's revised 119.3, the Conference Board said. Before the report, analysts expected an October reading of 121.0.

Increased consumer optimism will likely be good news for retailers this holiday shopping season. Consumers will spend about 7% more this year on holiday gifts than they did last year, the Conference Board said in a separate survey released last week. (Bloomberg)

LAST / CHANGE

	LAST	CHANGE
Texaco	57.75	-0.75
Texas Instrumnts	77.5625	-1.1875
Texas Utilities	45	-0.3125
Textron	78.3125	-0.9375
Thiokol		-
Thomas & Betts	44.6875	-0.5
ThrueCom	39.9375	-2
Time Warner	102.25	-1.4375
Times Mirror	59.3125	+1.25
Timken	20	-0.125
Torchmark	39.5625	-0.3125
Tosco Corp	25.3125	-0.125
Toys R Us	20.0625	+0.125
Transamerica	111.938	+0.625
Transco Energy	59.0625	-1.6875
Travellers Grp		-
Tribune	64.375	+1
Triton Energy	10.375	+0.1875
TWA	5.375	-0.0625
Tyco Intl Ltd	65	-0.5
Tyler	7.5625	-0.0625
UAL Corp	85.3125	+1.8125
USG Corp	49	+0.625
UST Inc	34.1875	-0.0625
USX Marathon	30	-0.5
USX-US Steel	24.5	+0.25
Ultramar Diam	27.5	+0.125
Unicom Corp	37.9375	-0.375
Unilever PLC	43.375	-1.4375
Unilever NV	81.375	-2.6875
Union Camp	64.9375	+0
Union Carbide	44.8125	+0.0625
Union Pacific	48.375	-0.625
Unisys Corp	28.625	+0
USAIR Group	51	+4.5625
USF&G Corp		-
US Home	33.1875	-0.1875
US Surgical		-
US Trust	88.75	-0.125
US West	62.25	+1.75
United Tech	108.563	+2.3125
Unocal Corp	35	+0.8125
Upjohn	49.0625	+0.25
UNOCAL Pharmaceutic	1.46875	+0.0625
Valero Energy	21.4375	+0.4375
Varian Assoc	39.5	+1.125
Viacom Inc	67.6875	-0.3125
Vishay	15.3125	+0.1875
Vulcan Materials	127.313	+0.3125
Wachovia	91.5	-3.625
Walgreen	53.1875	+0.4375
Wal-Mart Stores	74.75	-0.1875
Warner-Lambert	78.375	-2.875
Wash Gas Light	26	-0
Washington Mutu	40.9375	+0.6875
Washington Post	528.938	-3.8125
Waste Mgmnt Inc	45.75	-0.75
Wellens-Johnson	18.125	-0.0625
Wells Markets	37.9375	+0.4375
Wells Fargo	38.1875	-1.0625
Wendy's Intl	20.1875	-0.125
Westvaco	28.375	+0.625
Weyerhaeuser	49.4375	+1.625
Whirlpool	57.125	-0.5
Whittman	22.5	+0.5
Williams Co	29.25	-0.3125
Winn Dixie Stos	40.6875	+0.5
Woolworth	8.5	-0.0625
World Comm	58.625	+0.0625
Worthington Ind.	12.875	-0.4375
Wrigley	90.875	+0.9375
Xerox	110.313	+0.375
Yahoo	210.25	+11.1875
Yellow Freight	16.125	-1
Zero Co		-

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE
Allied Domecq	531	+8.75
Allied Zurich	826	+1
BAT Inds	545	+18
BT	862.5	-30.5
BTR	129	-3
Barclays	1451	+45
Bass	783	-36.5
Boots	1035	-18
British Airways	402	+2.75
Comm Union plc	1030	+11
Diageo	687	+0.5
General Electric	503	-13.25
Glaxo	1958	+9
Halifax	851	-17.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1568	+5
ICI	556.5	-3
Land Securities	808	+5
Lloyds Bank	875	+1
Marks & Spencer	446	-6.5
NatWest Bank	1123	-24.5
Prudential	902	-16.5
Reuters	611	-19
Sainsbury	532.5	-0.5
Sealink Transport	357.5	-22.5
Tesco Intl	3850	+200
Unilever	645	-1
Zeneca	2494	+38

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE
Accor	1249	+64
Air Liquide	988	+54
Alcatel Alsthom	575	-5
Euro Disney	7.9	-0.05
Michelin B	223	+4
Moulinex	92.8	-0.7
Paribas	485.9	+5.9
Pernod Ricard	395	-0.5
Peugeot	876	-4
Saint Gobain	835	+0

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE
Bayer	70.4	-1.3
Daimler-Benz	157	-1.8
Lufthansa	35.5	-1.8
Mannesmann		-
Metallgesellschaft	26.75	-0.25
Volkswagen	195.5	-4.5

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 24-NOV-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.5537	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.5537	0
British Pound (1)	6.8511	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.454	0
French Franc (1)	0.7315	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.4523	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.9727	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7046	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.4788	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	6.887	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9301.15	-73.12
DJ Transport	3078.72	+64.87
DJ Util	317.07	-0.86
DJ Comp	2878.33	-3.25
NYSE Industr	721.19	-4.46
NYSE Transport	457.82	+3.7
NYSE Comp	579.69	-2.56
S&P 100	595.48	-2.51
S&P Spot Index	1182.99	-5.22
Israel Index	250.02	+1.62

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5799.1	-49.3
Tokyo Nikkei	15164.6	+384.7
Singapore all-share index	388.43	+6.66
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	10851.7	+337.2
Israel Index	250.02	+1.62
Paris CAC 40	3839.38	-6.43
DAX	5016.12	+107.24
Madrid	830.41	+1.83
Swiss Market Index	7170.3	-164
Sydney	2760.2	+12.6
Milan	1377.37	+29.89

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6595	+0.0043
Dec.future (CME)	1.6568	+0.0034
D-mark: spot	1.7044	-0.0003
Dec.future (CME)	0.5868	-0.0007
S-franc: spot	1.4072	+0.0027
Dec.future (CME)	0.7119	-0.0016
Yen: spot	121.12	-0.22
Dec.future (CME)	0.00827	-1.9e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5912	+0.0018
Dec.future (CME)	0.6451	-0.0003
AusDlr: spot	0.6426	+0.0052
Dec.future (CME)	0.6417	+0.002
F-franc: spot	5.715	+0.002
It Lira: spot	1687.1	-3.4
Nlg: spot	1.9221	-0.0026
AutSchg: spot	12.0067	+0.0157
Rand: spot	5.695	+0.01
ECU: spot	1.1559	+0.0016

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1433	-35
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	110	0
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	276	-1
Soybean (Jan) (CBOT)	570.25	+1.75
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	119.65	0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)		-
Bonds Dec.future	12725	+7
S and P Dec.future	1167	-6.9

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	952	-6
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1620	+25
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	239.5	-4
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)		-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.91	-0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	296.4	-0.7
Silver (Dec)	4.662	-0.01
Platinum (Jan)	354.6	0
Palladium (Dec)	275.95	-5.3
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.71	-0.001

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	295.95	+0.35
Gold PM fix	296.45	+0.85
Silver fix	491.8	+0.3

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market fixings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
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Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.260	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (24.11.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	4.5034	4.5761	—	—	4.5303
U.S. dollar	4.1431	4.2100	4.07	4.27	4.1690
German mark	2.4274	2.4666	2.38	2.51	2.4399
Pound sterling	6.8591	6.9688	6.74	7.07	6.9026
French franc	0.7239	0.7356	0.71	0.75	0.7276
Japanese yen (100)	3.4115	3.4666	3.35	3.52	3.4313
Dutch florin	2.1529	2.1877	2.11	2.22	2.1640
Swiss franc	2.9414	3.9889	2.89	3.04	2.9561
Swedish krona	0.5117	0.5200	0.50	0.53	0.5128
Norwegian krone	0.5536	0.5626	0.54	0.58	0.5564
Danish krone	0.6385	0.6488	0.62	0.66	0.6417
Finnish mark	0.7985	0.8114	0.78	0.83	0.8027
Canadian dollar	2.6708	2.7139	2.62	2.76	2.6871
Australian dollar	2.6646	2.7076	2.61	2.75	2.6838
S. African rand	0.7271	0.7389	0.65	0.74	0.7314
Belgian franc (10)	1.1763	1.1953	1.15	1.22	1.1827
Austrian schilling (10)	3.4501	3.5058	3.39	3.56	3.4682
Italian lira (1000)	2.4517	2.4913	2.40	2.53	2.4645
Jordanian dinar	5.8190	5.9129	5.71	6.13	5.8574
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.17	1.27	1.2507
ECU	4.7764	4.8535	—	—	4.8041
Irish punt	6.0335	6.1309	5.93	6.22	6.0638
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8541	2.9002	2.80	2.95	2.8693

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West Ham committing Harry kari

PEOPLE who lean towards conspiracy theories will be interested in the extraordinary events at West Ham this week. Fresh from an excellent 2-0 away win at Derby which saw the team move up to sixth in the Premiership, the club was embroiled in the wrong kind of controversy in the sports pages after a verbal bust-up between manager Harry Redknapp and chief executive Peter Storrie.

London Calling

Mark Rivlin

Redknapp was furious about the proposed sale of Hammers' midfielder Andy Impey to Leicester City, claiming that Storrie had instigated the move behind his back, and was undermining his position as manager. For his part Storrie told reporters that Redknapp had indeed known about the sale and that Impey had to go in order to appease the club's bankers who warned the spiralling wage bill was getting out of hand. Storrie dug in deeper by also claiming that Redknapp had wanted to keep quiet about the Eyal Berkovic-John Hartson training ground incident last month.

None of this, of course, has got anything to do with the launch of Redknapp's autobiography, which by the merest of coincidences took place yesterday as the tabloids were having a field day with the feud. In PR terms, the London *Evening Standard* newspaper was manna for Redknapp – on the very same page of the article, they carried an advertisement "Harry Redknapp signs for Dillons" urging readers to attend a book-signing session in the book store's Oxford Street branch.

The book itself is your run-of-the-mill footballer's life story but Israeli readers will be delighted that Harry thinks very highly of Berkovic "he makes passes other players cannot see" and how impressed he is at the Israeli's punctuality and dedication to training.

Another club hanging its dirty washing out is Blackburn Rovers who find themselves propping up the table after Saturday's 2-0 home defeat to Southampton. The result cost manager Roy Hodgson his job, but the question as to whether he jumped or was pushed remains. Minutes after the game, Hodgson was interviewed and gave no indication that anything was particularly out of order. Half an hour later, after a meeting with chairman Jack Walker, Hodgson was out of a job. Club captain Tim Sherwood, looking shaken, told reporters that the chairman had put a lot of money into the club and was entitled to do what he wanted and by Monday chief executive John Williams admitted that Hodgson was "pushed". Now watch out for the autobiography.

Another manager in trouble is Terry Venables of Crystal Palace who once again is embroiled in the wrong kind of investigation. This time, it concerns one of his former clubs Portsmouth, with whom he was involved as chairman while coaching the Australian national team. Hampshire police announced over the weekend that they are investigating the club's acquisition of Australian players during the time of their association with Venables. Portsmouth deny that the investigation is linked to Venables.

The Portsmouth affair comes just a week after Palace asked the FA to examine the transfer of two Chinese players after a discrepancy between the fee and the amount the Chinese authorities were supposed to receive.

And on Monday and Tuesday, the *Daily Mail* alleged possible money going missing over the transfer of Israeli David Amsalem who was signed by Palace over the summer. Club chairman Mark Goldberg said he was going to get to the bottom of the affair after the *Mail* claimed that Amsalem's Israeli club Maccabi Neveh Ilan claimed they had not received the first instalment of the £800,000 transfer fee. According to the *Mail*, Amsalem does not actually belong to Neveh Ilan but is in fact represented by a cartel of Israeli businessmen.

REFEREES have been coming in for a lot of controversy lately, but there is sure to be an investigation following official Ken Lynch's extraordinary outburst at Leyton Orient at the weekend. Lynch was in charge of the Orient-Brentford Third Division game and after Brentford conceded two late controversial goals the home fans started singing "two-one to the referee".

Lynch reacted by taking a bow and conducting the singing, his actions prompting Brentford fans to go on the rampage and rip seats out. Brentford chairman-manager Ron Noades, who is reporting Lynch to the Football League, said after the game: "I cannot understand how a referee could walk off the pitch and take a bow. I was standing right next to him when he did it."

There was also controversy at Villa Park on Saturday after Liverpool's fine 4-2 win over Aston Villa. Once again, Stan Collymore was in trouble, deservedly being sent off for two yellow card offences, the first of which left Liverpool defender Steve Harkness in hospital.

The players were embroiled in a row last season after Collymore alleged that Harkness had racially insulted him and Collymore vowed to take revenge. He did so in the form of an ugly, high tackle which on its own should have seen him sent off. He did eventually go after an altercation with Michael Owen. Villa manager John Gregory was reluctant to discuss the Collymore lunge on Harkness, preferring instead to rebuke Owen for having what he called a "baby face off the pitch but a hard act on it".

Israel hoopsters face tough test against Belarus in Minsk tonight

By ELI GRONER

A depleted national basketball team begins the first of its second round of games in the European Championship qualifying tournament tonight with a road game against Belarus.

Neither Oded Katash nor Doron Sheffer – both of whom are nursing injuries – made the trip to Minsk where the temperatures are biterly cold at around minus 20 degrees Celsius.

Katash is currently in New York following developments in the NBA lockout, and if that situation is rectified, he might not return to Israel until June.

After the contest, the Israel squad returns home for games against Ukraine on Saturday night and Denmark next Wednesday. Sheffer's availability for those games is unclear.

The loss of the starting backcourt means that the bulk of the responsibility will be shouldered by Guy Goodes and Amir Katz, who are expected to start. Goodes may be uncomfortable with Maccabi Tel Aviv this year, but his play on the national squad in the first round of the qualifyer was sterling. Katz began to blossom in the national colors under coach Muli Katzurin, who actually started Katz over Katash in the most recent national team game – a win against England in February. Katz was outstanding in that contest, tallying 25 points on 7-of-10 shooting.

In addition to Goodes and Katz, center Tomer Steinhauer will be called upon to fill the scoring void. Steinhauer should have a much more difficult time against Belarus this time.

The Israelis trounced the Belarusans 95-64 in Tel Aviv November, but this time, Belarus's entire roster is intact. That includes 2.15-meter Alexander Koul – a former teamate of the under-22 national team captain, Roey Eyal, at George Washington University.

Koul was considered at one point a possible NBA lottery pick, but has never lived up to his potential. Another 7-footer who didn't play in November, 22-year-old Yegor Mescheriakov – a current teamate of Eyal's with the Colonials – will be suiting up tonight as well. While Koul is considered an awesome physical specimen, Mescheriakov is a versatile giant who can shoot and handle the ball surprisingly well.

Expect the Israelis to combat the size disadvantage with a zone defense.

Israel's roster for tonight's game includes:Katz, Goodes, Steinhauer. Nadav Henefeld, Gur Shelef, Yoav Sapar, Barak Peleg, Uri Cohen-Mintz, Amir Muchtari, Papi Turgeman and Meir Tapiro.

The first two teams in each of the five six-team groups advance to the finals in France in 1999 along with the four best third-place clubs. The French hosts and defending champions Yugoslavia have earned an automatic berth.

UEFA move nearer to new European competition

GENEVA (Reuters) – The governing body of European football outlined its plans yesterday for the new style UEFA Cup competition and all but decided that it would come into effect next season at the same time as a revamped Champions' League.

At an extraordinary general meeting of all its 51 national federations, UEFA recommended the new UEFA Cup, a merger of the existing competition and the Cup Winners' Cup, should be a knockout tournament from start to finish.

Teams eliminated from the Champions' League qualifying competition will, as now, take part.

But a further eight Champions' League sides – clubs who finish third in their respective groups and do not make it past the first round proper, will also enter the UEFA Cup at a later stage.

In all, there will be 131 teams and eight rounds, including a qualifying round and a final.

Although some UEFA federations expressed a preference for an alternative – for a group-based format in order to prize more television money out of the tournament – UEFA sources said the knockout version was certain to be approved at the executive commitee meeting next month.

Finishing touches will then be put to the new, 32 team, Champions' League which now appears certain to go ahead as planned despite efforts by the English to have the competition delayed for one season.

Makinen claims 3rd straight world title as Sainz breaks down

CHELTENHAM (AP) – Spain's Carlos Sainz broke down just 300 meters from the finish line of the final stage of Britain's season-ending Network Q Rally yesterday, handing Tommi Makinen a record third straight world title.

Sainz, going for this third world title and his first since 1992, was robbed of the title when the engine in his Toyota caught fire.

Sainz was set to finish the race in the fourth place or better he needed to claim the title.

Richard Burns of Britain won the rally.

Sainz was left in tears on the roadside as co-driver Luis Moya smashed his crash helmet to the ground in frustration.

The Madrid native entered the season's final rally trailing Tommi Makinen by two points in the season standings. But the Finn – bidding for a record third consecutive world title – slid out of the race on Sunday when he skidded on a patch of oil and hit a concrete pillar.

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Bledsoe rallies Patriots past Dolphins

FOXBORO (AP) – The Hartford-bound Patriots have a few more years left in Foxboro. Surprisingly, they also have at least a few more games in the NFL playoff race.

Drew Bledsoe, shaking off a jammed finger, upstaged Dan Marino's late-game heroics with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Shawn Jefferson with 29 seconds left, giving New England a 26-23 win over the Miami Dolphins.

The crowd, supportive despite the prospect of being abandoned in 2001, went wild.

"It was a very emotional win for us with all the controversy about us moving," Bledsoe said. "Hopefully, this will give us some momentum."

New England (6-5) won for just the second time in six games.

Miami (7-4), lost for the second time in six games and fell into a three-way tie for the AFC East lead with Buffalo and the New York Jets.

"Every time we have an opportunity to separate ourselves from the rest of the division, we just haven't been able to do it," Marino said.

The winning touchdown capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive in which Bledsoe hurt his finger when he hit a Miami helmet midway through the march. But he continued to throw and eventually found Jefferson in the end zone. He also converted two fourth-and-10s during the tough drive.

Karim Abdul-Jabbar had scored on a 4-yard run with 3:22 left, giving Miami a 23-19 lead. Marino, who holds the NFL record with 44 game-winning drives in the fourth quarter and overtime, sparked the comeback with a 24-yard completion to Stanley Pritchett that put the ball at the 4.

Yet the Patriots ended a distracting four days with a dramatic finish. The stretch began with last Thursday's tentative agreement to move the team from its bare-bones suburban stadium to Hartford, Connecticut's capital city.

The crowd cheered the Patriots and some fans held signs. "If you build it, we won't come," one said. "It's not too late to save the Patriots. Call your representative," said another.

Adam Vinatieri appeared to have saved the Patriots, with his fourth field goal, a 24-yarder that gave them their first lead, 19-17 with 9:01 left.

But that role was left to Bledsoe after Marino engineered the 48-yard drive ending in Abdul-Jabbar's touchdown.

Bledsoe completed 28-of-54 passes for 423 yards, just three yards less than his career-high. He threw for two touchdowns and two interceptions. Marino was 24-for-38 for 289 with two touchdown passes to Oronde Gadsden and one interception.

Miami	7	7	3	6–23
New England	7	3	6	10–26

First Quarter: Mia–Gadsden 35 pass from Marino (Mare kick), 8:17. NE–Coates 8 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 4:27. Second Quarter: Mia–Gadsden 11 pass from Marino (Mare kick), 7:05. NE–FG Vinatieri 25, 1:08. Third Quarter: NE–FG Vinatieri 44, 9:02. Mia–FG Mare 21, 4:40. NE–FG Vinatieri 45, :31. Fourth Quarter: NE–FG Vinatieri 24, 9:01. Mia–Abdul-Jabbar 4 run (pass failed), 3:22. NE–Jefferson 26 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), :29. A–56,729.

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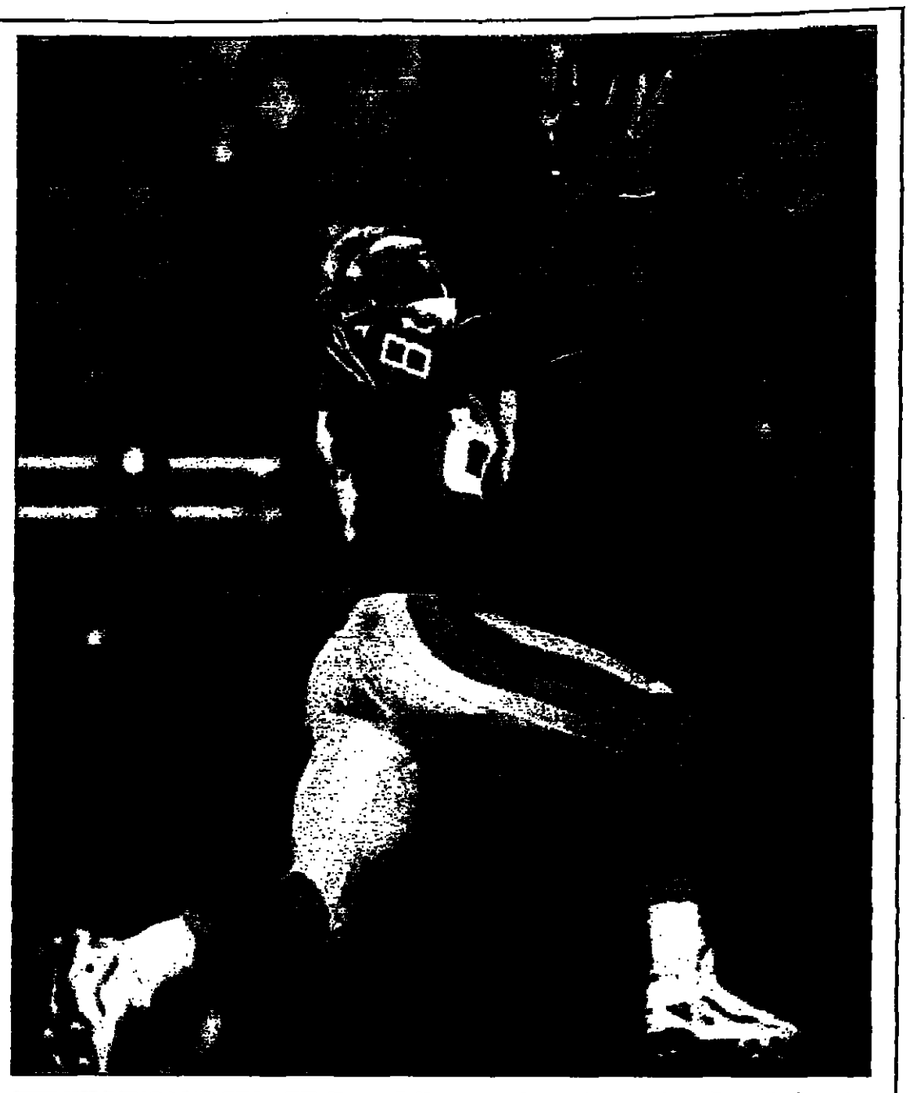

THE WINNING MARGIN – WR Shawn Jefferson catches a TD pass from Drew Bledsoe in the final minute to seal New England's 26-23 win. (Reuters)

Jordan goes to Braves, Alomar with Tribe

NEW YORK (AP)– Brian Jordan went home to Atlanta for a $40 million, five-year contract, Robert Alomar joined his brother in Cleveland and Kenny Rogers decided he will stay with Oakland, after all.

Meanwhile, Bernie Williams met with the Boston Red Sox, Randy Johnson visited the Texas Rangers, B.J. Surhoff visited the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Mets made an offer to third baseman Robin Ventura.

And the Detroit Tigers went to Japan to get a pitcher, agreeing to a $3m, two-year contract with 30-year-old right-hander Masao Kida.

Jordan, courted by the New York Yankees, Mets and the Baltimore Orioles last week, fills a hole in the Atlanta outfield that opened earlier this month when the Braves sent pitcher Denny Neagle, right fielder Michael Tucker and a minor leaguer to Cincinnati for All-Star second baseman Bret Boone and pitcher Mike Remlinger.

When the Braves met his asking price, Jordan couldn't resist the urge to play in his adopted home. Jordan was with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons from 1989-91 and still lives in suburban Stone Mountain.

"That was the deciding factor. I wanted to be here with my kids. They're at an age where daddy needs to be home."

In the final season of a $6.5m, two-year contract, he hit .316 with 25 homers for the St. Louis Cardinals, both career highs. He also had 91 RBIs and 17 stolen bases.

"We have a team that, in many ways, is in its prime," Braves president Stan Kasten said. "As long as we're in our prime, we're going to keep pushing away at this rate. When this runs out, we may retool and do something different. But I think we can keep this philosophy for the next 3-to-5 years."

Alomar, a nine-time All-Star, agreed to a four-year contract worth $30-32m. His addition finally gives the Indians stability at second base, where they have used 15 players since trading Carlos Baerga in 1996. Roberto was the MVP of this year's All-Star game while his brother Sandy, the Indians catcher and a six-time All-Star, was the MVP of the '97 game at Jacobs Field.

Roberto's addition gives the Indians the strongest and flashiest middle infield in baseball. A six-time Gold Glove winner, Alomar will be paired up the middle with shortstop Omar Vizquel, who won his sixth straight Gold Glove this season and has the highest fielding percentage of any shortstop ever.

"It would be worth the price of a ticket just to watch Omar and Robbie turn a double play," Indians general manager John Hart said last week.

In Arlington, former Rangers star Nolan Ryan gave Johnson a tour of The Ballpark.

"We made a very strong offer to Randy, but he's going to get a strong offer from several teams," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said. Johnson already has visited Arizona, Anaheim and the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Houston Astros want to resign him, too.

In Atlanta, Bernie Williams and his agent met with Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette and manager Jimy Williams.

Yankees officials discussed their negotiations with Williams and with Albert Belle, another free agent outfielder. New York also is considering whether to trade for Anaheim's Jim Edmonds, Montreal's Rondell White or St. Louis' Ray Lankford.

NHL hands down 12-game suspension

NEW YORK (AP) – Los Angeles Kings forward Matt Johnson was suspended for 12 games without pay Monday – the longest NHL suspension since 1994 – for punching New York Rangers defenseman Jeff Beukeboom in the head.

The suspension will cost Johnson about $95,000 of his $650,000 salary.

Johnson got a match penalty for punching Beukeboom in the back of the head during a game last Thursday. Beukeboom collapsed to the ice face-first and was still wobbly when he left the ice with help from medical personnel.

The suspension is the longest in the NHL since Tony Granato of the Kings was suspended 15 games for slashing Pittsburgh's Neil Wilkinson in February 1994.

In Monday's games, it was Toronto 3, Calgary 2; Ottawa 4, Vancouver 3; and Dallas 3, San Jose 2.

Calgary	1	1	0–2
Toronto	1	1	1–3

First Period–1, Toronto, Thomas 8 (Sundin, Korolev), 8:12 (pp). 2, Calgary, Bure 8 (Housley, Fleury), 14:58 (pp). Second Period–3, Calgary, Stillman 6 (Cassels, Housley), 13:54 (pp). 4, Toronto, D.King 8 (Tremblay, Johnson), 15:58 (pp). Third Period–5, Toronto, Cote 3 (Modin, Sundin), 7:15. Shots on goal–Calgary 9-10-10–29. Toronto 7-10-16–33. Goalies–Calgary, Giguere. Toronto, Joseph. A–15,726.

Vancouver	1	1	1–3
Ottawa	2	1	1–4

First Period–1, Ottawa, McEachern 7 (York, Prospal), 3:35 (pp). 2, Ottawa, Arvedson 4 (Salo, Murray), 4:06. 3, Vancouver, Muckalt 7 (Naslund, Aucoin), 12:31 (pp). Second Period–4, Vancouver, Scatchard 4 (Klatt), 2:36. 5, Ottawa, Johansson 8 (Salo, Kravchuk), 7:52 (pp). Third Period–6, Vancouver, Naslund 8 (Messier, Muckalt), 10:08 (pp). 7, Ottawa, Johansson 9 (York), 11:18. Shots on goal–Vancouver 14-10-19–43. Ottawa 11-10-10–31. Goalies–Vancouver, Snow. Ottawa, Tugnutt. A–15,330.

San Jose	2	0	0–2
Dallas	0	3	0–3

First Period–1, San Jose, Houlder 3 (Norton, Murphy), 2:17 (pp). 2, San Jose, Stern 2 (Matteau, Houlder), 5:29 (pp).Second Period–3, Dallas, Horcher 3 (Malvichuk, Modano), 2:28. 4, Dallas, Nieuwendyk 6 (Langenbrunner, Ludwig), 3:27. 5, Dallas, Marshall 4 (Zubov, Hrkac), 12:59. Third Period–None. Shots on goal–San Jose 9-4-5–18. Dallas 9-9-3–21. Goalies–San Jose, Vernon. Dallas, Belfour. A–16,928.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	11	6	1	23	44	42
Pittsburgh	9	5	4	22	53	45
Philadelphia	9	6	4	22	50	39
N.Y. Islanders	9	11	0	18	53	55
N.Y. Rangers	5	8	6	16	47	52
Northeast Division						
Toronto	11	8	2	24	63	61
Ottawa	9	6	3	21	55	46
Buffalo	8	4	4	20	45	29
Boston	7	7	5	19	50	41
Montreal	7	10	2	16	45	55
Southeast Division						
Carolina	8	10	3	19	53	55
Florida	6	7	5	17	42	51
Washington	6	9	3	15	42	50
Tampa Bay	6	11	2	14	43	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	10	8	0	20	57	46
St. Louis	7	5	5	19	47	41
Nashville	7	10	1	15	45	55
Chicago	5	12	3	13	39	70
Northwest Division						
Edmonton	10	8	1	21	60	50
Vancouver	9	10	1	19	62	53
Colorado	8	9	2	18	51	56
Calgary	7	11	2	16	53	59
Pacific Division						
Dallas	11	3	3	25	47	34
Phoenix	11	2	2	24	43	22
Anaheim	8	7	4	20	46	42
Los Angeles	6	12	3	15	49	59
San Jose	4	9	5	13	44	47

Rodman files for annulment

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman filed annulment papers Monday to end his nine-day marriage to television actress and ex-Playboy model Carmen Electra, a spokeswoman for the bride said.

"Carmen and Dennis spoke several days ago and mutually agreed (to end the marriage)," said Electra's publicist, Cindy Guagengi.

The couple married Nov. 14 in Las Vegas, but Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, immediately expressed misgivings.

"Obviously, anyone that would marry somebody that was intoxicated to the point that they couldn't speak or stand had ulterior motives of some sort," Manley said two days after the wedding.

But the Chicago Bulls star said afterward he was indeed in love and apologized "for any false statements given on my behalf regarding my marriage to Carmen Electra."

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CRITICS' CHOICE

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

Mozart would probably have loved the New Israeli Opera's virtual reality *The Little Magic Flute* for its cheek and playfulness. You can't get more current than director Michael MacCaffery's computer-game world of princes, princesses and bird people. Marina Levitt sings Pamina, Felix Livshitz sings Tamino and Dani Ettinger is Papageno. At Theater North in Kiryat Haim at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew translation by Ehud Manor)

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Before the Bride Suffocates won Best Creator at the Acre Festival for its author/director Efrat Ben-Yehuda Levine and Best Actress for Fabiana Meyuchas as its feminist heroine. The play is being presented as part of an international day to protest violence against women and the proceeds will go to the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center. Tonight at the Gerard Behar Theater. (Hebrew).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Classical guitarist Reuben Seroussi and flutist Marcello Ehrlich perform a recital of Latin American and Brazilian classical and folk music tonight at 8 p.m. at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv as part of the guitar festival. At 10 p.m. at the same locale, you can enjoy a tribute to jazz legend Wes Montgomery.

The weekend program of the guitar festival features Cuban classical guitarist Joaquin Clerch performing a recital of selections by Bach, Scarlatti, Ginastera, Farrinas and others (tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m); the Katona twins from Hungary performing music by Scarlatti, Rodrigo, Sor and Albeniz (Saturday at 8 p.m.); a blues program presented by Italian guitarist Carlo Ambrosio and harmonica player Fabrizio Frosi (Saturday at 10 p.m.); and the Baldi Olier Trio in an evening of Mediterranean music celebrating his engaging and electrifying new disc (tomorrow at 10 p.m.).

Felix Livshitz sings Tamino in the New Israeli Opera's virtual-reality 'The Little Magic Flute.'

RADIO

■ **VOICE OF MUSIC**

6:05 Dowland: 5 Songs and Lute music; Grieg: 3 Piano Pieces (composer / recorded 1906); Baklarik: 4 Fantasies for Lute
7:07 Brahms: Symphony no 1; Scriabin: Etude op 2/1 (Paley)
8:05 Shostakovich: Piano Trio no 2 op 67; Caspi: Songs from One to One
9:05 Schubert: Piano Trio in B flat (Y.Menuhin / Gendron / H. Menuhin); Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra K364 (Brainin / Schidlof / Netherland CO / Zinman); Mahler: Symphony no 5; Kodaly: Symphonic Variations on a Hungarian Folk Song "The Peacock"
12:00 Light Classical – works by Grieg, Saint-Saens and Ravel
13:00 Artist of the Week – Europa Galante with Fabio Biondi, violin. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons
14:05 Encore
15:00 Keys [illegible]
16:00 [illegible] Requiem in C; Chopin: Piano Concerto no 1; Honegger: Symphony no 5 "Di tre re"
18:00 Rheinberger: Sarabande; Schubert: Ave Maria; Bach: Chorale; Schubert: Song (Hill / Johnson); Schumann: Humoresque op 20; Debussy: Petite Suite; Fauré: Piano Trio op 120 (Beaux Arts Trio); Dvorak: String Quintet no 1
20:05 The Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Avner Biron. Bach: Johannespassion
23:00 Golden Generation – Jascha Heifetz in live concerts / first program. Mozart: Concerto no 5 "Turkish" (New York PO / Kurtz / Carnegie Hall – 1947); Sibelius: Concerto in D minor

■ **RADIOWEST**

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
10:00 "Head to Head" with Charlie Levine and Dr. Tom Gumpel
12:00 Financial Forum with Mike Humphries
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Lonely Soul in Town – Dave Bender
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – panel discussion
22:00 West RockLine with Mark Garson
1:00 Late Night Music

■ **BBC WORLD SERVICE**

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Sports International
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: One Of Ours
9:30 Meridian Live
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Westway
10:30 Everywoman
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 The Farming World
11:30 Britain Now (BBC English)
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 One Planet
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Sports International
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Science Feedback
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Megamix
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Performance
17:30 Everywoman
18:00 News
18:15 F.O.O.C.
18:30 Insight
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 The Works
21:29 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:30 Pause For Thought
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[illegible] Newshour
[illegible] News
[illegible] World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 On Screen
00:00 Newsdesk

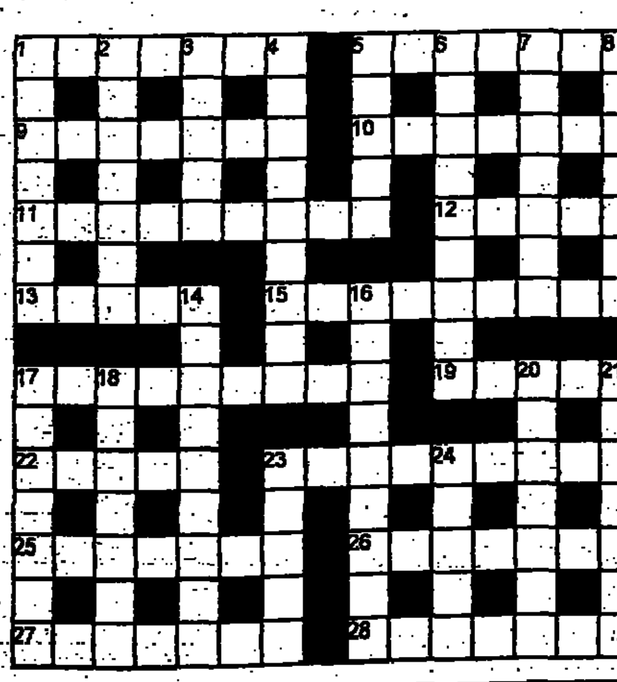
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Sailors love to skylark, it's clear (7)
5 Subordinate theme (7)
9 Of Latin descent, from Minorca (7)
10 Fancy getting game in one move (7)
11 Growth of pantomime (9)
12 Used two joints on Sunday (5)
13 Sell the dummy—touchdown possible (3,2)
15 Accept later you're a chip off the old block (4,5)
17 Place of refreshment for Great Dane off the leash (3,6)
19 Abuse uncommon parlance (5)
22 Hack returns, writing for the papers (5)
23 Splendour pursued by a grim French mistress (9)
25 Waiting rooms modified by long use (7)
26 Variety act ends with melody (7)
27 One who feels the heat for one who feels the cold (7)
28 Dog that will have its day, some day perhaps! (7)

DOWN

1 Man devoured by lion, perhaps—a circus performer (7)
2 Survey the whole lot with a girl (7)
3 Tracks people's ancestries? (5)
4 Under a spell and thence transformed (9)
5 Roughly licks smooth (5)
6 Abominable service! (5,4)
7 It's obvious I've turned up to make an impression (7)
8 High toned speaker (7)
14 Poor vision means some listeners are kept in the dark (4-5)
16 Gold sovereign? (4,5)
17 A climbing frame put in nursery, perhaps (7)
18 Normally Laura's out with a sweetheart (2,1,4)
20 Loan may be arranged, though it's irregular (7)
21 Turned into a dreadful tragedy (7)
23 A hard question for one, a sitter for another (5)
24 A mass rising on the Indian border (5)



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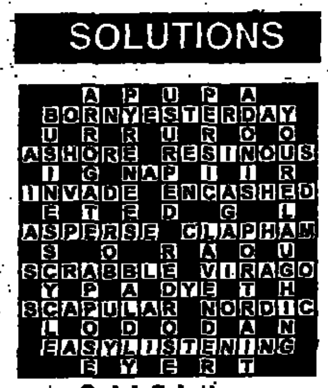
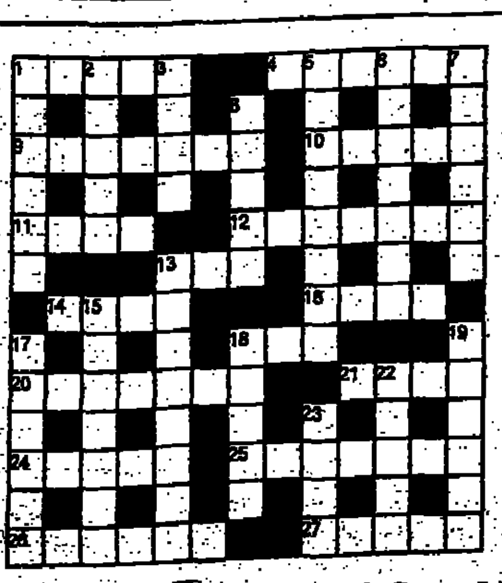


Quick Solution

ACROSS: 4 Bungle, 5 Lows, 7 Begonia, 10 Stung, 11 Watcher, 12 Routs, 14 Stencil, 15 Cacti, 16 Restful, 20 Chair, 21 Ease off, 22 Rigs, 23 Classy. DOWN: 1 Endow, 2 Plait, 3 Control, 4 Beet, 6 Sanity, 8 Nastier, 9 Aconite, 10 Serious, 13 Gather, 14 Stringy, 17 Fable, 18 Leash, 19 Iffy.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Compulsion (5)
4 Altitude (6)
9 Ordinary (7)
10 Money bag (5)
11 Dregs (4)
12 Obvious (7)
13 Secreted (3)
14 Nimble (4)
16 Jot (4)
18 Spirit measure (3)
20 Extend (7)
21 Stimulus (4)
24 Passenger ship (5)
25 Late (7)
26 Revoke (6)
27 Prickly shrub (5)

DOWN

1 Grope (6)
2 Scope (5)
3 Dutch cheese (4)
5 Precise (8)
6 Item of clothing (7)
7 Agreement (6)
8 Stitched (5)
13 Delirium (8)
15 Root vegetable (7)
17 Stableman (6)
18 Pulsate (5)
19 Avaricious (6)
22 Foot-lever (5)
23 Network (4)

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TV

■ **CHANNEL 1 (11)**

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ **EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Oriental Studies
8:30 Family Album
9:00 Guitar Beginnings
9:30 Communication: The *Human Imperative*
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Arithmetic
11:50 Mathematics
12:20 Science and Nature
13:30 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street

■ **CHANNEL 1 (11)**

15:30 X Men
15:50 Eli and Lily
16:00 *Garfield*
16:30 Hoppa Hey
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Not Including Service
18:05 The Adventures of Dudu
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 News in Arabic
HEBREW PROGRAMS
18:55 *European Basketball Championships* Preliminary Round – an important preliminary-round game as Israel takes on the tough Belarus national side – live from Minsk
21:00 News
21:30 One On One – chat show with Razi Barkai
22:05 Vanishing Man
23:40 News
00:00 Verse of the Day
20:00 From Our Special Reporter
20:30 Kung Fu
21:15 Science and Technology
21:30 Faces and Places
22:00 News in English
22:30 Chicago Hope
23:15 Fatal Bug
00:00 Hit Parade

■ **CHANNEL 2 (22)**

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song of the Day
6:00 *Rupert Bear*
6:30 Choco Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee Tel-Ad
9:00 Third Time
9:55 Storytellers' Festival
10:50 Thirtysomething
11:45 Promised Land
12:35 Amazing Stories
13:00 News in Our Eyes
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Disney Time
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Sport TV
18:00 Movie Magic
18:30 Tarzan
19:25 Posing with Yael Abecassis
20:00 News
20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
21:15 Fact with Ilana Dayan
22:05 Avraham and Ya'acov
23:25 Short at Midnight
00:00 News
00:05 The X-Files
1:00 M*A*S*H
1:30 Israel Festival 1998
2:30 Song for the Day

■ **JORDAN TV (31)**
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Teddy the Bear
15:30 Beyond the Galaxy
[illegible]
16:30 Crystal Maze
17:00 Subways
18:00 Bugby Spirit
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French series
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Keep Quiet

■ **MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)**

7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Portrait of a Marriage
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 Larry King
17:00 700 Club
17:30 World News
18:00 911 Rescue Force
19:00 Wiseguy
20:00 Global Problems
20:00 English League Soccer
23:00 Late at Night with David *Letterman*
23:35 CNN World of Entertainment
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

CABLE

■ **ITV 3 (33)**

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Life Goes On – Egyptian series (Arabic)
19:00 News in Arabic
20:00 Doctors Talk
20:30 Is It Legal?
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:10 *Cruises to a World* of Discovery

■ **ETV 2 (23)**

15:30 Everything's People
16:00 Fairy Tales
17:00 Short Story Festival
17:45 Arabic Tales
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 Cooking with Caprial
19:00 Oriental Studies
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Destinations
21:30 Destinations
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Long Search

■ **CHANNEL 3**

7:00 Good Evening with *Guy Pines (rpt)*
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless *(rpt)*
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 La Femme Nikita
21:10 Mad About You
21:35 Veronica's Closet
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 Larry Sanders Show
00:45 Silk Stalkings
1:35 Due South

■ **MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**

11:30 Homecoming (1996) – four abandoned children are shuttled between various relatives until they finally wind up with their eccentric grandmother. With Anne Bancroft
13:30 Allegheny Uprising (1939) – early John Wayne drama. A local hero leads a band of brave men against a corrupt British colonial officer. With Claire Trevor, George Sanders and Brian Donlevy
14:55 Forbidden Territory: Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997) – the story of the historic journey by journalist Henry M. Stanley to find the missionary David Livingstone in Africa. With Aidan Quinn and Nigel Hawthorne
16:40 Time Warriors 1: Planet of the Dino-Knights (1995) – adolescent adventure film. A boy gets caught up in a cross-dimensional battle against a plot to make time stand still
18:15 Wagons East (1994) – comedy about a wagon train of disgruntled pioneers returning to the East while everyone tries to keep them out West. With John Candy, Richard Lewis and Ellen Greene
20:05 The Dream Team (1989) – four mental patients lose their doctor during a day trip to a baseball game at Yankee Stadium and find themselves lost in the greatest loony bin of the world – New York. With Michael Keaton, Christopher Lloyd and Peter Boyle
22:00 *Mask of Death* (1995) – action thriller. A policeman's wife is murdered and he is scarred by ruthless gangsters. He then undergoes plastic surgery and sets out to get his revenge. With Lorenzo Lamas
23:30 Shattered Dreams (1997) – a policeman tailing an acquitted murderer trying to rebuild his life learns that things are not as they appear to be. With Eric Estrada
1:00 Exception to the Rule (1996) – a married man spends a night with a strange woman and finds himself the target of blackmail. With Eric McCormick and Sean Young
2:40 Black Scorpion (1995, 88 mins.) – a policewoman suspended from work dons a black costume and clears the streets of criminal scum with the aid of sophisticated weapons. With Joan Severance, Bruce Abbott and Stephen Lee

■ **CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Simba, Jungle King
8:30 Oakey Doky
8:45 Herlufts
9:05 Mozart and the Gang
9:35 The Smurfs
10:10 Ninja Turtles
10:35 Superman
11:15 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:40 Ned's [illegible]
12:05 [illegible]
12:35 The [illegible]
12:45 South Seas Adventures
13:35 Simba, Jungle King
14:05 Barney
14:30 Arthur
15:05 The Smurfs
15:40 Ninja Turtles
16:05 Superman
16:25 The Magnet – live *interactive show*
16:45 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Cow and Chicken
17:35 Police Academy
18:30 The One
18:45 Family Matters
19:00 Moesha
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*
20:45 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

■ **SECOND SHOWING (5)**

22:00 The Leopard Man (1943) – Jacques Tourneur directed this stylized thriller based on a Val Lewton story of a series of murders in a small New Mexican town which are blamed on an escaped leopard. With Dennis O'Keefe and Jean Brooks
23:10 Return of the Scarlet Pimpernel (1938, 78 mins.) – a further episode in the adventures of the British nobleman who saves French aristocrats from the guillotine during the French Revolution. With Barry Barns and Sophie Steward

■ **CHANNEL 8**

6:00 Open University (rpts from *Tuesday at 23:30*)
8:00 Hippos, Out of Water (rpt)
8:30 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
8:55 An Interview with David Boehm (rpt)
9:45 King Lear – classic production of the Shakespearean play with Laurence Olivier
12:25 Life in the Wild (rpt)
12:50 Decisive Weapons
13:20 Future Quest: Planet Petrol (rpt)
13:45 Wonders of [illegible] (rpt)
14:10 Stephen Hawking's Universe, part 1 (rpt)
15:05 Space Man, Cave Man (rpt)
15:55 Shadow Over Tibet – the cultural world of Tibet through the eyes of the Dalai Lama and Tibetan immigrants in the US
17:00 Open University: Sexual Imperative
18:00 Open University: Junket Whore
19:00 Life in the Wild, part 17: Lake Kariba
19:30 Decisive Weapons, part 6
20:00 Future Quest: Hi Ho Hi Ho – the future of work and its organization
20:30 The Next Step
21:00 Stephen Hawking's Universe, part 2
21:50 You Can't Beat a Woman – documentary about violence against *women and how different* countries deal with the issue
23:30 Open University: Hollywood Stuntmakers
00:00 Open University: Conversations with Gorbachev
00:30 Open University: Government By Consent
1:00 Open University: The Hermitage

■ **STAR WORLD (18/15)**

6:00 The Pretender
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Swiftly Seasoned
10:00 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal *Adventures*
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 World Business Report
13:30 *Home Improvement*
14:00 Space Island One
15:00 CI5, the New Professionals
16:00 Murder Call
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 Space Island One
19:00 C[illegible] Professionals
20:00 Murder Call
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23:30 Mr. Belvedere
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'DiMaggio has lung cancer, had heart attack'

NEW YORK (AP) – Joe DiMaggio, who has been hospitalized for more than a month, has lung cancer and had a heart attack last week, TV station WPIX reported.

The station, which televised New York Yankees games for 48 years, on Monday night cited three sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

DiMaggio's lawyer denied that the Hall of Famer, who turns 84 today, had a heart attack or was gravely ill.

"This is totally false," Morris Engelberg said yesterday.

"Mr. DiMaggio and his family heard this information on the television and were very upset." WTVJ-TV, an NBC affiliate in Miami, cited unidentified sources close to DiMaggio to say it confirmed he had a heart attack and has lung cancer. The station also said he was on a ventilator.

Engelberg did not say whether DiMaggio had cancer or surgery to remove a lung tumor. The lawyer's office said he was not available to elaborate.

DiMaggio has been hospitalized in Hollywood, Florida, since October 12 for what Engelberg said was pneumonia and a lung infection.

However, WPIX said DiMaggio had a tumor removed from his lung last month.

SPARKLING START – Britain's Tim Henman caused a major setback for Marcelo Rios in Hannover yesterday. (Reuters)

Sampras begins quest to break record, Rios loses to Henman

HANNOVER (AP) – Pete Sampras got a perfect start yesterday at the ATP World Championships and, unfortunately for Marcelo Rios, so did Tim Henman.

Sampras and Rios, the two top players in the world, are locked in a battle for the No. 1 ranking at the end of the year.

While Sampras beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4 in his opening match, Rios was upset 7-5, 6-1 by the big-serving Henman.

Sampras leads Rios by a slim 33 points in the computer rankings and he is seeking to make history by becoming the first man to finish as No. 1 for six years in a row. He currently shares the record of five with Jimmy Connors.

Rios needs to win at least two matches in the round-robin portion of the elite event to have a shot at dethroning Sampras in the final rankings for the year.

Sampras showed how badly he wants the record he believes may never be broken again by crushing Kafelnikov.

Rios on the other hand simply faded after falling behind a break in the second set and never put in a credible attempt to make a comeback.

"I don't want to say it was a statement, but I definitely was very focused," Sampras said. "I think the guys know that, that this is an important week and it showed." "I just hope I can maintain this level throughout the week, which is not going to be easy. But today was definitely a good start," Sampras said.

Sampras was impressive in the first set with his crisp serve-and-volley game. Kafelnikov gave him more of a battle in the second set but Sampras still dominated the opponent he beat in last year's final, when he won the title for the fourth time.

Sampras had problems closing the match, needing six match points. He won it after 66 minutes when Kafelnikov made two straight backhand errors.

Kafelnikov was the last player to clinch a place in the $3.5 million tournament that brings together the eight players with the best results in the year. The round-robin portion consists of two four-man groups, with two players from each advancing to the semifinals.

Rios, who leads the tour with seven titles this year and became the first player to qualify back in August, dropped his serve to lose the first set.

He wasted a break point in the third game of the second and lost his serve again in the fourth, beginning a series of sloppy errors that got him boos from the public. The match was over also in 66 minutes, when Rios hit a careless backhand long.

In a battle between the other two players in Sampras' Red Group, Carlos Moya rallied to beat Karol Kucera 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 6-3.

Moya, the French Open champion, won his first indoor match of the year, after going 0-5 until Hannover.

The Spaniard turned the match in the second set, when Kucera first double-faulted to give Moya a set point and then hit a simple forehand into the net.

Moya broke serve for a decisive break of serve in the third set of the match that lasted 2 1/2 hours.

The next opponent for Sampras today is Moya, who beat the American in the opening match last year. In other matches today, Kucera plays Kafelnikov and Andre Agassi makes his debut against Alex Corretja.

Wallace rescues draw for Rangers

GLASGOW (Reuters) – Rod Wallace's third goal in the UEFA Cup this season rescued a 1-1 draw for Rangers at home to Parma in their third round, first leg, tie last night.

The striker's 68th minute goal cancelled out the lead Abel Balbo had given to the Italians just after half-time at Ibrox Stadium.

Almost 50,000 Glaswegian fans exploded with joy when Wallace controlled Colin Hendry's downward header from a cross by Barry Ferguson and fired a right foot shot past goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

Parma, who had taken the heat out of Rangers in the first half with their pressing game, went ahead in the 51st minute after Rangers goalkeeper Antti Niemi had kept out an effort from Hernan Crespo only to see Balbo popunce and fire in the rebound from eight meters.

Monaco 2, Marseille 2

In Monaco, midfielder Ludovic Giuly scored a 56th-minute equalizer to earn Monaco a 2-2 draw against Olympique Marseille in the first leg of their all-French tie.

Both sides finished with 10 men after Marseille striker Florian Maurice and Monaco defender Franck Dumas were sent off in the space of six minutes midway through an ill-tempered second half.

Marseille led 2-1 at the interval with goals from playmaker Robert Pires in the 10th minute and striker Titi Camara half an hour later.

In between France striker David Trezeguet equalised for Monaco with a penalty in the 17th minute after a foul by Laurent Blanc on Nigerian striker Victor Ikpeba.

Lyon 1, Club Bruges 0

In Lyon, Polish defender Jacek Bak headed home in first half injury time to give 10-man Olympique Lyon a 1-0 win over Club Bruges.

Lyon had Swiss striker Marco Grassi sent off a minute before their goal for slapping the Belgian side's Yugoslav defender Milan Lesnjak in retaliation after a tackle.

Bak rose above the defence to meet a cross from the right by captain Alain Caveglia and head home unchallenged.

Bologna 4, Real Betis 1

Hosts Bologna hammered Javier Clemente's expensively assembled Real Betis 4-1 to take a giant step towards the quarter-finals.

Unsung midfielder Davide Fontolan put the home side ahead after 25 minutes of their third round first leg tie before Russian Igor Kolyvanov and Brazilian Eriberto made the game safe with goals in the 52nd and 59th.

Midfielder Benjamin Zarandona gave the Spaniards hope for the return leg with a goal after 62 minutes following a blunder in the Bologna defence but Fontolan soon restored his side's three-goal lead.

Betis's Brazilian jewel Denilson hardly threatened as unfancied Bologna stretched their unbeaten run to 15 games in all competititions.

Real Sociedad 2, Atletico Madrid 1

In San Sebastian, Real Sociedad drew first blood in their all-Spanish tie when they squeezed out a 2-1 victory over nine-man Atletico Madrid.

Arrigo Sacchi's Atletico side, given the perfect start by Juninho's third-minute strike, proceeded to lose first their shape, as Real got back into the game on 45 minutes through Darko Kovacevic, and then two of their players.

Stefano Torrisi and Carlos Aguilera were both ordered off midway through the second half for second bookings, leaving Atletico in an almost impossible position.

They did their best to survive, packing all nine available men behind the ball, but they were finally undone five minutes from time in cruel fashion.

Roberto Fresnedoso, who came on following the first red card, attempted to clear a cross from the right but managed only to divert the ball into his own net.

For Atletico, one of the favorites to win the comeptition, the game went from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Juninho's goal was a work of real class as the Brazilian forward picked the ball up in midfield, drifted inside and fired in an unstoppable shot from 25 meters.

Atletico were unable to build on that position, though, as Real Sociedad hustled their way back into contention.

The Atletico defence, perhaps lording concentration as half-time approached, were undone by a change of pace from the Portuguese, giving him space to swing over a cross that Kovacevic gratefully nodded home.

Celta Vigo 3, Liverpool 1

In a late result, Spanish side Celta Vigo came from 1-0 down at home to beat Liverpool 3-1.

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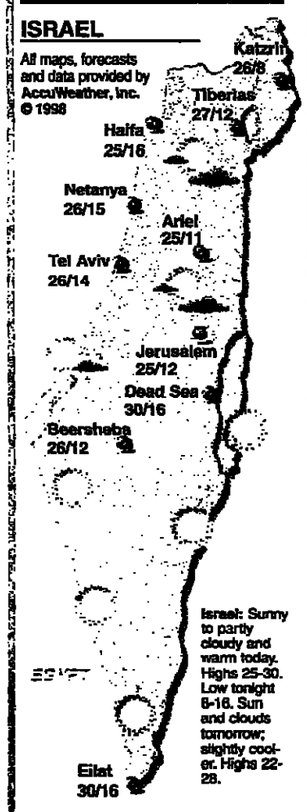

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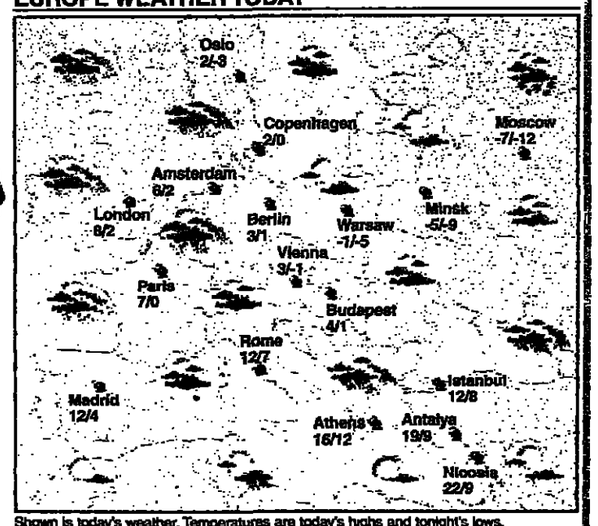

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F
Ariel	25/77	11/52/s	23/73	11/52/pc	25/77	13/55/pc	23/73	11/52/pc
Beersheba	26/79	12/53/s	24/75	12/53/c	28/82	14/57/pc	26/79	12/53/pc
Dead Sea	30/86	16/61/s	28/82	14/57/c	30/86	18/64/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Eilat	30/86	16/61/s	28/82	16/61/pc	30/86	18/64/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Haifa	25/77	16/61/s	23/73	14/57/pc	27/80	18/64/pc	23/73	14/57/pc
Jerusalem	25/77	12/53/s	23/73	10/50/c	25/77	14/57/pc	23/73	12/53/pc
Katzrin	26/79	8/46/s	24/75	6/43/pc	25/79	8/46/pc	24/75	6/43/pc
Netanya	26/79	15/59/s	24/75	13/55/c	28/82	15/59/pc	26/79	13/55/pc
Tel Aviv	26/79	14/57/s	24/75	14/57/c	28/82	16/61/pc	26/79	14/57/pc
Tiberias	27/80	12/53/s	25/77	12/53/pc	29/84	16/61/pc	27/80	14/57/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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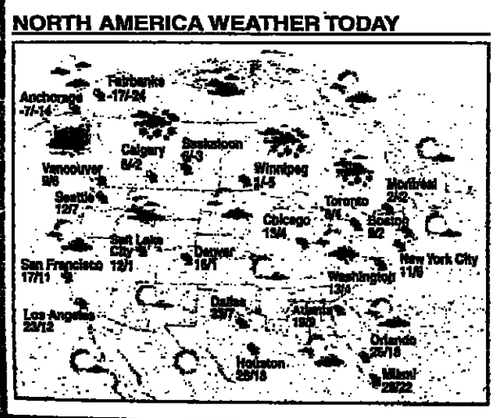
INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	8/43	2/35/c	8/43	3/37/c	9/48	9/48/s
Beijing	4/39	1/34/sn	8/46	4/39/pc	8/46	-3/27/s
Berlin	3/37	1/34/pc	3/37	-2/28/sf	3/37	-1/31/pc
Brussels	4/39	1/34/c	5/41	2/35/c	9/48	3/48/s
Cairo	27/80	17/62/s	27/80	18/64/c	28/84	14/57/pc
Chicago	13/55	4/39/sh	8/46	2/35/pc	11/52	3/37/s
Frankfurt	4/39	0/32/c	2/35	-2/28/sn	1/34	-3/27/pc
Hong Kong	26/79	22/71/pc	27/80	22/71/pc	26/79	21/70/c
Johannesburg	25/77	18/64/sh	28/79	17/62/sh	27/80	18/61/pc
London	8/46	2/35/pc	6/43	4/39/pc	14/57	9/48/s
Los Angeles	23/73	12/53/s	25/77	10/50/pc	23/73	8/46/pc
Madrid	12/53	4/39/sh	12/53	4/39/pc	15/59	6/43/s
Mexico City	19/66	9/48/c	19/64	6/43/c	12/55	7/44/pc
Montreal	2/35	-2/28/pc	7/44	-3/27/sh	4/39	-2/28/sf
Moscow	-7/20	-12/11/pc	-3/27	-6/22/pc	-1/31	-4/25/pc
New York	11/52	6/43/pc	12/53	6/43/sh	11/52	4/39/pc
Paris	7/44	0/32/c	5/41	0/34/c	8/46	7/44/s
Prague	4/39	-1/31/pc	1/34	-3/27/sn	0/32	-7/20/pc
Rio de Janeiro	26/79	19/66/s	27/80	22/71/pc	28/82	22/71/pc
Rome	12/53	7/44/c	12/53	3/37/r	12/53	3/37/pc
Seoul	21/70	13/55/pc	20/68	13/55/pc	24/75	18/64/pc
Tokyo	13/55	4/39/pc	11/52	8/46/s	14/57	14/57/pc
Toronto	8/46	4/39/r	7/44	1/34/r	10/50	6/43/s
Vienna	3/37	-1/31/c	3/37	-2/28/sn	3/37	-4/25/pc
Warsaw	-1/31	-5/24/pc	2/35	-1/31/sn	2/35	-3/27/pc
Washington	13/55	4/39/pc	13/55	3/37/sh	10/50	2/35/pc
Zurich	5/41	1/34/c	1/34	-3/27/sn	3/37	2/35/s

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Weather comes to England's rescue

BRISBANE (Reuters) – England were saved from probable defeat when a mid-afternoon tropical storm forced the abandonment of the first Ashes cricket Test against Australia on the fifth and final day yesterday.

England were in dire straits at 179 for six when the match was cut short by almost two and a half hours.

More than 34 millimeters of rain fell on the Gabba in less than an hour during a spectacular electrical storm that left pools of surface water on the outfield and ensured the match ended in a draw.

"It's the first time in 82 Test matches that I've played in that the weather may have saved us," England captain Alec Stewart said.

"I can think of times when it has cost us a possible win but I think this actually saved us." England had lost three wickets in each of the first two sessions.

Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher and Stewart all fell before lunch while Graham Thorpe, Nasser Hussain and Mark Ramprakash were dismissed after the restart.

England, with each of their specialist batsmen already out, were given relief 20 minutes before the scheduled tea break when umpires Darrell Hair of Australia and K.T. Francis of Sri Lanka offered Dominic Cork and Robert Croft the chance to go off because of bad light.

Australian captain Mark Taylor had been operating two spinners at the time to ensure that there was no risk to the batsmen's health but lost his battle to continue the match when the umpires decided conditions were "unreasonable" for batting, in accordance with the game's rules.

The game was eventually abandoned more than two hours later by which time the ground had been drenched.

England's let-off again raised the issue of whether or not lights should be used in Test matches.

There are floodlights at the Gabba but the umpires were unable to turn them on even though international cricket regulations now permit the use of floodlights in Test matches.

The only provision is that both teams have to agree to their use before the start of a series.

Australia have used floodlights in Tests against both South Africa and New Zealand but England said before the series began that they were opposed to using artificial light during the day because they had never done so before.

Taylor said he believed the time had come for lights to be used whenever possible.

"I think we've got to go with the trend," Taylor said.

"Test match crowds in certain parts of the world are going down and one of the reasons is because there are too many draws.

"I doubt that it would have made much difference today though.

"I think it would have given us at least until tea but we may have struggled to win the game because the rain started pretty soon after tea."

Stewart defended England's decision to oppose the use of lights even though he said he supported their introduction.

"I think floodlights will eventually be the way to go in a few years time. I'm sure the International Cricket Council may make a ruling that that's the way the game's going," Stewart said.

"Once you get used to things there are no problems.

"But for this tour we haven't experienced playing under lights with a red ball during the day and I think the two boards agreed that if one team was unhappy then it wouldn't stand."

The second match of the five-Test series starts in Perth on Saturday.

Australia 1st Innings 485
England 1st Innings375
Australia 2nd Innings 278-3 declared
England 2nd Innings (29-0 overnight)

M.Butcher lbw b MacGill	40
M.Atherton c Fleming b McGrath	28
N.Hussain b MacGill	47
A.Stewart c Ponting b M.Waugh	3
G.Thorpe c Langer b M.Waugh	9
M.Ramprakash st Healy b MacGill	14
D.Cork not out	21
R.Croft not out	4
Extras (w-1 lb-3 nb-7)	13
Total (for six wickets, 68 overs)	179

Fall of wickets: 1-48 2-96 3-103 4-133 5-148 6-151
Did not bat: D.Gough, A.Mullally, A.Fraser
Bowling: McGrath 16-6-30-1, Kasprowicz 8-3-26-0 (w-1), Fleming 7-2-12-0 (nb-2), MacGill 22-4-51-3, M.Waugh 14-0-55-2 (nb-7), Ponting 1-1-0-0.
Result: Match drawn

Duncan Disorderly becomes a Geordie

LONDON (Reuters) – The colorful career of Duncan Ferguson turned monochrome yesterday when he agreed an £8 million switch from Everton to Newcastle United.

In swapping the Merseysiders' blue for the famous black and white stripes of the Geordies, Ferguson will bid to relaunch himself as a striker in dynamic tandem with the Geordies' current darling, England captain Alan Shearer.

Or will he? For Shearer's future at his native Newcastle remains shrouded in mist worthy of the famous fog on the river Tyne in the northeastern English city.

Newcastle insisted yesterday that Ferguson had been purchased to play alongside, not replace, Shearer who has hinted this season that his patience is running out with the trophyless Geordies.

"We have signed Ducan Ferguson to partner him with Alan Shearer up front," insisted Newcastle chief executive Freddie Fletcher.

"The object of the exercise is to have two really class strikers playing up front for Newcastle United." "I'm sure he'll be a cult figure at Newcastle." As such Ferguson will be in good company at St James' Park.

How he gets on with the idolised Shearer and even more importantly, the only recently installed Dutch manager Ruud Gullit, will determine whether the 27-year-old Scot can finally illuminate the British game for the right reasons.

A tall, burly striker, the former Rangers and Dundee United player allies oustanding aerial ability and a deft touch on the ground with a volatile temper that has earned him the nicknamed Duncan Disorderly following a series of run-ins with authority.

In April 1994 Ferguson scored his first goal for Glasgow giants Rangers against Raith but was then involved in a haeadbutting incident with a Raith player that eventually saw him serve a seven-match ban and spend six weeks in Glasgow's Barlinnie Prison for assault in 1995.

By then he had completed a £4million move to Everton, and his spell behind bars earned him folk-hero status among the Goodison faithful.

Yet injuries and suspensions dogged his time on Merseyside. Successive managers failed to build a successful team around him and Everton spent most of the time fighting off relegation.

His most notable moments were an FA Cup winners' medal in 1995 and important goals in all-too-rare victories over Manchester United and local rivals Liverpool. Not to mention being awarded the captaincy last December, an occasion he marked by scoring a hat-trick in a 3-2 win over Bolton.

Hap. Haifa enlist new striker

By ORI LEWIS

National League leaders Hapoel Haifa yesterday secured the services of Yugoslav striker Alexander Jovic until the end of the season.

Jovic, who is on the books of German Bundesliga side Hansa Rostock, will provide extra firepower up front as Hapoel attempt to capture their first-ever league title. He scored a goal in the club's practice match, a 4-3 win over Maccabi Acre yesterday.

The other Haifa side, Maccabi, yesterday suffered a 2-0 home loss to Zafririm Holon at Kiryat Eliezer in an outstanding Toto Cup fixture. Haifa played with a depleted lineup in front of 2,500 spectators.

In other news, controversial French entrepreneur Bernard Tapie is according to Israel Radio having "serious discussions" with Hapoel Petah Tikva over buying a stake in the club.

Tapie, who was jailed in France for fraud and who, as chairman of Olympique Marseille, used alleged illegal means to help the club become the first French winners of the European Cup, is in Israel on a four-day visit. He has met the movers and shakers in Petah Tikva with a view to buying his way back to fame through soccer.

ASA Jerusalem women hoopsters advance to State Cup semis

By HEATHER CHAIT

A two-point difference for ASA Jerusalem's women's basketball team last night over Maccabi Ramat Chen advance the Jerusalemites into the semi-final of the State Cup competition.

Jerusalem turned their 72-82 first-leg loss on Sunday into a winning score of 84-72 at home, giving them a two-point aggregate win.

Ramat Hasharon, Elitzur Ramle and Neurosoft Karmiel are the other teams through to the semi-finals. They all won their return games last night.

Ramat Hasharon, the National League leaders, crushed Hapoel Petah Tikva 97-46 after beating the hapless Petah Tikvans 94-50 on Sunday.

Karmiel also beat Bnei Yehuda for the second time in three days. Last night's score was 65-41. A larger points difference than on Sunday when the northerners won 79-64 at home.

In a higher scoring game than the first encounter, Ramle again beat Maccabi Ra'anana, this time 82-72. On Sunday Ramle had just a seven point lead, winning 54-47.

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